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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

The Spanish torpedo flotilla, which sailed from the Canary islands March 24th last. has arrived at the Cape Verde islands, and will proceed after coaling. —— A cruiser of 1,800 tons displacement, purchased by the United States Government in London, will go to sea within three days from the Thames iron works. —— The issue between Spain and the United States remains unchanged; both Governments appear to accept the issue as made up; Congress, it is expected, will take action, which will result in a severance of relations between the two countries. —— The State Department has received the Spanish report on the Maine disaster. —— The Spanish Government denies that it has purchased the Italian cruiser Alberto. —— There was a heavy drop in Spanish bonds on the Madrid bourse yesterday; tantamount to a war panic. —— It is announced positively that the President will not send his message to Congress before next Tuesday; no action will be taken on the Cuban matter until the message is received. —— A fire was raging early this morning in Rock Hill, South Carolina. —— Spain's torpedo flotilla, a Havana dispatch says, is at Martinique. —— New York markets: Money on call firm at 2@3 per cent., last loan at 2 per cent.; cotton quiet—middling 6 3-16c.; flour quiet and higher; wheat—spot firm; No. 2 red $1.01½; corn—spot firm, No. 2 36½c; rosin steady; strained common to good, $1.42½@1.45; spirits turpentine firm at 32½@33½c.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

For North Carolina—Fair weather; northwesterly winds.

Port Almanac---April 3.

Sun Rises	5.44 A. M.
Sun Sets	6.28 P. M.
Day's Length	12 H. 39 M.
High Water at Southport	4.50 A. M.
High Water, Wilmington	7.20 A. M.

The fear that Chicago might become top heavy and topple over some day, has resulted in the passage of an ordinance which hereafter prohibits the erection of any building more than 130 feet high.

A St. Louis doctor, who has no babies, protests against the custom of dressing young babies in long *clothes*. He insists that they have a natural, inalienable right to kick and should be allowed full liberty to kick.

A Republican contemporary remarks that "President McKinley seems to be learning Queen Victoria's trick of saying the most in the fewest words." Well he does talk very much like a woman and an old woman, too.

The latest mathematical prodigy in Paris is a young Greek who mentally and in a few minutes tells the total of as many columns of figures as may be written on a board, and extracts square and cube roots of large numbers quicker than a lightning dentist could extract loose teeth.

Count Beranabe, the Spanish Minister at Washington, is an unreasonable sort of a fellow. He says the heads of the newspaper reporters should be cut off and then they should be killed. He seems to be under the impression that the American newspaper reporter is built on the cat plan.

The discovery has been made that Prince Albert, of Belgium, who is travelling in this country *incog*, doesn't know how to tie his cravat. Maybe he doesn't, but it is at least some satisfaction to know that he wears a cravat, for if he didn't there would be an awful lot of apes of royalty going cravatless around this country.

Petroleum has been struck on a lot in the heart of the city of Tacoma, Wash., and experts say that the indications are for an extensive oil field in that section. Some two or three miles from the city people have been compelled to cease using their well water on account of the oil leaking into the wells.

Some women do not know how to dream. A Pennsylvania woman dreamed that something was going to happen to her boy and she kept him at home to prevent something from happening to him. But he fell from a third story window and was killed, which would not have happened if he had gone to school and she hadn't dreamed that dream.

One of the proofs alleged by the Spanish Court of Inquiry that the Maine was not blown up by a torpedo, is that there were no dead fish found floating around. But no fish that could be killed by the concussion of a submarine explosion, could live for three hours in such a contaminated pool as Havana harbor. There were no fish there to be killed.

THE CUBAN SITUATION.

All surface indications, we admit, are now against the STAR in the position it has steadily maintained that there will be no war between the United States and Spain. Yet we verily believe, as we expressed it yesterday, that the "unexpected will happen," and that there is a disappointment in store for those who really desire war.

The murder of the brave men of the *Maine* and the destruction of the ship having been eliminated from the present contention between the two powers by our own government, why should Congress take one step farther just now than the recognition of Cuban independence and the relief of the starving victims of Spanish brutality? This much Congress will do, it seems to be conceded. But, having done this, why not await further developments? Why couple armed intervention with recognition of independence? It has been stated repeatedly without denial that the Cubans themselves ask no more than this; in fact, that they would prefer that the United States have no war with Spain, believing that with recognition by this country they will soon free themselves from the Spanish yoke.

The United States having sent no "ultimatum" to Spain, are free to act as may seem best in the interests of justice, humanity and peace. Now, suppose Congress shall decide this week to take no action further than that indicated above? It would not be considered by Spain a cause for war unless she has more "stomach for the fight" than is generally supposed.

What may be the result if a threat of armed intervention is joined with the recognition of independence cannot be foreseen. But even that may not result in active hostilities, the great disparity of fighting power of the United States and Spain being a strong factor in the situation.

It will be but a few days, however, before the question will be determined. But not until the first gun is fired will we surrender the conviction that war will be averted.

The city of Fulton, N. Y., has a J. P. who doesn't believe in tangling up the seasons. Recently a man of 70 years and a girl of 16 came to him to have the knot connubial tied, but he would not knot 'em, but bluntly told the man that he was an old fool and the girl that she was a young fool, and that he would rather send them both to jail on general principles than be a party to this misfit.

With the consolidation of the *Virginian* and *Pilot*, Norfolk, Va., will have one paper less, but a very good one, for the gentlemen who have been in charge of each are able and experienced newspaper men, and their energies and ability will now be centered on one. We feel sure that the new paper will meet public expectation, and wish the new venture all success.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

D. O'Connor—For rent.
Vollers & Hashagen—Cigars.
C. C. Chadbourn—Insurance.
A. M. Waddell, Jr.—For sale.
KING GROCERY—Snap beans.
Meeting—Cape Fear Veterans.
R. R. Stone & Co.—Meat, lard.
Strike Now—Bedbug Interceptic.
C. W. Polvogt Co.—Dress goods.
Holmes & Watters—Base ball supplies
J. M. McGowan—Great discovery.
W. E. Worth & Co.—To the public.
Owen F. Love & Co.—Refrigerator.
Wilmington Savings & Trust Co.—Results if you deposit.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Wanted—Printing press.
Wanted—Energetic salesmen.
Basket Picnic—Old Brunswick.
M. C. Benson—Country produce.

This Morning's Fire Alarms.

As a result of fire at 1.45 o'clock this morning the stock of groceries and liquors at the corner of Front and Ann streets, owned by Mr. Nicholas Politsas, is a total wreck, and the building, a one-story frame structure, badly damaged. The latter is owned by Mrs. J. M. Bremer. Both stock and building were fully insured, the stock, it is learned, in the sum of $1,500. The total loss, stock and building, is about $2,000.

The origin of the fire is not known and when the alarm was turned in the flames had already gotten good headway. The fire department responded promptly and did good work.

About the time the fire was gotten under control a scond alarm was rung from box 43, corner of Seventh and Harnett streets. This proved to be a false alarm. It was received at 2.15 o'clock.

The Late J. G. Wright, Jr.

The remains of the late J. G. Wright, Jr., who died at Christiansburg, Va., last Friday morning, will arrive here this morning at 9.35 o'clock by the Atlantic Coast Line. The funeral will take place at 10 o'clock from St. James' Church. Mrs. J. G. Wright, Jr., will accompany her husband's remains.

LOSS OVER $100,000.

Destructive Fire in the Town of Hub, Columbus County, Last Friday Morning.

INSURANCE ABOUT $57,000.

Seven Million Feet of Lumber, Several Dwellings, Tramways and Sheds, Property of the Butters Lumber Company Destroyed.

Col. Walker Taylor, who had all the insurance on the property at Hub, destroyed by fire early Friday morning, returned yesterday from Hub and brought fuller information in regard to the circumstances of the conflagration and the extent of the loss. He found that the fire had consumed seven million feet of lumber, mostly cypress, valued at $94,500; one large lumber shed valued at $2,000; five small tenant dwellings, valued at $1,250; two other dwellings of the same character, torn down to check the progress of the fire and valued at $500; several tramways, valued at $2,000. All this property, the value of which was $100,250, belonged to the Butters' Lumber Company. The insurance on it amounts to $57,000, divided as follows among insurance companies represented by Col. Walker Taylor: Insurance Company of North America, $18,000; Queen, $10,500; German American, $5,000; Royal, $6,500; New York Underwriters', $7,000; Lancashire, $5,000; London & Lancashire, $2,000; Delaware, $2,000; North Carolina Home, $1,000. Besides the loss sustained by the Lumber Company, there were ten dwelling houses destroyed, valued with their contents at $5,000 and without any insurance. This makes the total damage $105,250, with twenty families left homeless.

The entire saw mill would have been burned but for the excellent fire protection on the plant proper. There was a first class equipment of tanks, pumps and hydrants, and a regular organized fire department among the employes, who worked heroically to quell the conflagration.

The fire broke out at 5.30 o'clock Friday morning from a source up to this time unknown. As it is possible that the origin was incendiary, Mr. E. B. Wright, the general manager of the company, has offered a reward of $1,000 for the arrest and conviction of the guilty party. Manager Wright was grateful for the prompt response which his telegram here for assistance met, and wishes to extend his thanks to the chief of the fire department and his assistants, and also to the railroad authorities for their readiness to transport the firemen if their services should have been needed.

The insurance adjusters will meet here Tuesday to arrange the losses.

Acknowledgement.

The Benevolent Society gratefully acknowledges contributions from the following friends of the Catherine Kennedy Home: Miss Lilly Brown, Mrs. Carmon, Mrs. J. Hayes, Mrs. R. J. Bunting, Mrs. T. C. Ames, Miss Haughton, Miss Minnie Brown, Mrs. Lauther, Mrs. W. B. Cooper, Mrs. George Sloan. Mrs. H. L. Sloan, Mrs. J. McDougal, a friend, Mrs. Alex. Holden, Mrs. Greenebaum, Mrs. H. Smallbones, Mrs. Joe. Bunting, Mrs. Humphreys, Miss Bessie Tolar, Mrs. Neil McKinnon, Mrs. Leftwich, Mrs. J. E. Sprunt, Mrs. W. L. DeRosset, Jr., Mrs. Willard, Mrs. Charles Davis, Mrs. Carmichael, a friend, Mrs. C. K. Horne, Mrs. Ezzell, Miss Maggie Hankins, Mrs. C. W. Davis, a friend, Mrs. W. F. Turlington, Mrs. Mahn, Mrs. W. H. Yopp, Mrs. Albright, Mrs. VonGlahn, Mrs. A. G. Hankins, Mrs. Agostini, Mrs. Van Laer, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Philyaw, Mrs. J. D. Biggs, Miss Janie Horne, Mrs. E. A. King, Mrs. Alice Everett, Mrs. Louise Harlowe, Mrs. B. Bellois, Mrs. H. W. Collins, Mrs. H. F. Wilder, Mrs. A. M. Waddell, Mrs. W. R. French, Mrs. B. F. Hall, Mrs. F. H. Bornemann, Mrs. M. J. Fentress, Mrs. T. C. Jones, Mrs. Holden, Mrs. George Bates, Mrs. Calder, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Reeves, Mrs. A. A. Willard, Mrs. Albert Gore, Mrs. Penton, Mrs. Maunder, Mrs. Twining, Mr. Dixon Poisson, Miss Mary Black, Mrs. Grant, Mrs. Niestlie, Mrs. Wheaton, Mrs. Sykes, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. King, Mrs. P. F. Duffy, Mrs. H. Shick, Mrs. T. C. Lewis, Mr. J. Hicks Bunting, medicines; Miss Puss Hancock, medicines; Mrs. Will Monroe, Mrs. Roger Moore, Mrs. J. F. Garrell and Mr. Wm. M. Hayes, beef weekly.

We remind our friends that Tuesday next is the regular visiting day at the Home, and at 4 o'clock in the afternoon the regular monthly meeting will be held. All members (both by subscription and contribution) are urged to attend.

Col. Waddell's Address.

Col. A. M. Waddell on last Friday delivered the annual address before the graduating class of the Medical College of the State of South Carolina at Charleston. He spoke of the "good old times," and inquiring if there were not such as distinguished from those of the present, maintained that an affirmative answer does not necessarily convict one of pessimism. It is a question of fact to be determined, like all other questions of fact, by evidence. The address, which was eloquent and scholarly, was printed in full in yesterday's Charleston *News and Courier*.

Wilmington Presbytery.

Col. Jno. D. Taylor has been chosen to represent the First Presbyterian Church at the Wilmington Presbytery which convenes in Burgaw next week. Mr. Jno. McLaurin was chosen alternate. Rev. P. C. Morton will attend from Immanuel Presbyterian Church.

M. C. Benson, 106 Dock street, has had abundant experience in the handling of country produce and always strives to give entire satisfaction. See his ad.

LOCAL DOTS.

— There'll be some gun-shy patriots in the swamps of New Hanover next week if war begins.

— In Justice J. J. Fowler's Court yesterday Jeff Sellers paid the costs in a case of disorderly conduct.

— The record of marriage licenses shows three for whites and five for colored couples for the past week.

— A license was issued yesterday for the marriage of Mr. James H. Hobbs to Miss Maggie Mills, both of this city.

— During the week just closed seventeen deeds conveying real estate were recorded in the Register of Deeds office.

— Holy communion will be administered to the congregation at Grace M. E. Church to-day at the 11 o'clock service.

— Mr. J. C. Cavenough, of Hallsboro, was in the city yesterday. He represents the Hilton Lumber Co., of this city, as a purchasing agent.

— The STAR's fashion plate today is a daisy. It represents a Summer gown in black and white, which is one of the very latest novelties.

— Cards have been issued for the marriage on next Wednesday night at the bride's residence of Miss Daisy Jackson to Mr. J. M. McLamm.

— Justice Fowler yesterday sent Tilly Taylor, colored, to jail on the charge of disorderly conduct. A case against Ella Henry, colored, for a similar offence, was dismissed on the payment of costs.

— Owing to the sad bereavement which has befallen one of the prominent members of the Wilmington Dramatic Club, the intention to give another performance this season has been abandoned.

— Messrs. R. R. Stone & Co., the successful young wholesale grocers, now buy baking powder a car load at the time. On Friday they received a full car load of Good Luck Baking Powder, the firm's name appearing on the outside of the car.

— Two criminal cases are to be tried by Justice Fowler to-morrow at 10 o'clock; one against Moses Pearsall for an assault upon Ida Sessions, and the other against Cornelius McNeil for nuisance. The latter was transferred from Justice McGowan's Court.

Gathering Church History.

Rev. W. L. Grissom, of Greensboro, spent the past two days here gathering data for North Carolina church history. He is accumulating material for the purpose of owning the most complete archive of the State's religious history. It is also very probable that he will write and publish at least a history of North Carolina Methodism. While here he was the guest of Rev. A. P. Tyer, of Grace Church. Rev. Mr. Grissom gathered a good deal of what he considers very valuable data. Rev. Mr. Grissom was for some time editor of the *North Carolina Christian Advocate*. He is not now actively engaged in ministerial work.

A Light Frost.

There was a light frost in this vicinity yesterday morning. On the day before cloudiness interfered, but it was clear yesterday and the frost came. There was no damage, however, or none of any consequence. The truckers had ample warning, and were prepared, having most of the stuff covered up.

Observer W. H. Fallon's daily weather report shows a heavy frost in the western part of the State. The thermometer Friday night here was as low as 39 degrees, and warmer weather is not expected to-night.

City Health Report for March.

The city health report for the past month shows 38 death—13 white and 25 colored and 51 births—15 whites and 36 colored. Six permits were issued for the removal of earth. There were four quarantines, all for scarlet fever. The sanitary report shows 1409 inspections by the sanitary officers. Of these 433 premises were found in a fair condition, 500 in bad condition and 476 needing immediate attention. The county report will not be made public by Dr. McMillan until after the meeting of the County Commissioners which is on Monday.

Shipments of Lettuce.

The war scare doesn't affect the shipment of lettuce and other vegetables. Quantities go out by open freight every day over the Atlantic Coast Line, and the Southern Express Company gets a good share. Yesterday the C. F. T. Company took out four car loads of lettuce. One car, shipped to New York, was over half loaded by Mr. Tom Kenan, of East Wilmington. There was another car load made up in East Wilmington; another was loaded from Mr. Jno. F. Garrell's farm, and the fourth was loaded by various growers. With one exception all the cars went to Philadelphia.

Want to Come May 20th and 21st.

Mr. S. J. Atkinson, representing the May Festival Company, which proposes to appear here under the auspices of the Wilmington Musical Association, has notified Mr. Ed. Munson, the Association's able musical director, that May 20th and 21st are the dates on which they can come to this city. At the Association rehearsal to be held Monday night the matter will be laid before the members and the dates either accepted or other ones suggested.

If you want Ice Cream call us up on either 'phone. We will be in factory till two o'clock. Palace Bakery. †

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Synopsis of Report to be Submitted to the Board of Aldermen Monday.

VERY CREDITABLE SHOWING

For the Four Months the Paid Department Has Been in Operation—Important Recommendations as to Improvements.

As has been foreshadowed by the STAR, Chief Charles Schnibben, of the Wilmington Fire Department, will submit a complete and highly creditable report to the Board of Aldermen Monday night, which will give complete and detailed statistics as to fires in the city the past year as well as make important recommendations as to department improvements.

It is understood that the most important recommendations to be made are that additional water hydrants be placed in the northern, southern and eastern sections of the city; that two additional hose reels, two pair of horses and additional fire helmets, badges and mask protectors be purchased for the department. Also that improvements be made upon the hook and ladder truck, and a desk be purchased for the use of the chief.

The report will show that during the eight months of the volunteer service the value of property destroyed by fire was $24,091.46, and for the last four months with the paid department $6,553.54, giving a total of losses for the year of $30,645.

Of course the most complete report is for the four months the paid department has been in operation. This will show 61 alarms received, and the value of property in which the fires occurred $115,140—$76,990 for buildings and $38,150 for contents. The total insurance was $69,825 and the damage was only $6,553. This is in itself a splendid testimonial to the advantages of a paid department.

Of the 61 alarms during the past 4 months 11 were incendiary; 1 caused by rats; 1 by clothes hung too near the fire-place; 15 from sparks; 7 from defective flues; 1 from hot ashes; 2 from lamp explosions; 8 from burning chimneys; 1 from carelessness; 2 from sparks from engines, and 5 from fireplaces. There were 4 from unknown causes, 5 false alarms and 1 for burning woods.

The value of the property of the Fire Department is now $41,075. The report promises to be quite an interesting and valuable document and is doubtless already completed, awaiting presentation Monday night.

Death of Mrs. Julia A. Kelley.

After a very brief illness Mrs. Julia A. Kelley died at 9.15 o'clock last night, at her residence No. 215 North Second street, in the seventy-fifth year of her age. She was taken ill shortly before noon, and sank rapidly until the end came.

The deceased was a most estimable lady. All who knew her were impressed with the beauty of her character, and will feel a sense of deep bereavement in her loss. She had been for a long time a valued member of Grace M. E. Church.

Mrs. Kelley was the widow of the late Geo. H. Kelley, and leaves several sons and daughters, Mr. J. Dickson Kelley, Rev. Edward Kelley, and Misses Inez, Ida and Addie Kelley, of this city, Mr. A. H. Kelley, of Savannah, and Messrs. Geo. C. and W. L. Kelley, of Birmingham, Ala. The funeral will be announced later.

Fort Caswell News.

First Lieutenant Ernest Hinds, of Battery I, of the Second U. S. Artillery, arrived here yesterday over the Carolina Central railroad en route from Fort Monroe to Fort Caswell. Lieutenant Timberlake has also been ordered to Caswell.

Field Musician J. E. Felse and Corporal Wm. A. Cross, who were here a few days since carrying Sergeant Tscherning to Fort Monroe, returned last evening by the Atlantic Coast Line and are spending Sunday in the city. They think that Sergeant Tscherning's offence will be treated leniently. They turned him over to the Commandant, Col. Frank, in the presence of his adjutant, Lieutenant Phillips. The sergeant was placed in the guard house to await trial. It is thought that he will not be obliged to pay a greater fine than $15 or $20.

The St. Andrew's Meetings.

The noon-day service by Evangelist W. R. Gales at the Coast Line shops yesterday was attended by forty to fifty persons and there was one profession. The prayer service at St. Andrew's Church last night was also quite profitable. This morning at 9.45 o'clock he will lead the Bible class at the Y. M. C. A.; at 11 he will preach at St. Andrew's; 3 P. M. will find him at the Seaman's Bethel leading the service, and then at night he will again preach at St. Andrew's Church.

Cheap Advertising.

If you wish to advertise at the lowest rates try the department in the STAR, on fourth page, headed "Business Locals." Situations or help wanted, articles lost or found, rooms or houses wanted or to rent, business opportunities, and many other short miscellaneous advertisements are taken for that department at one cent per word for each insertion. But no advertisement taken for less than 20 cents for each insertion.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. W. B. Brice, of Wallace, is in the city.

— Mr. Tucker King, of Sanford, is visiting friends in the city.

— Mr. W. H. Hood and son, of Southport, were in the city yesterday.

— Mr. J. T. Foy, the well known trucker of Scott's Hill, was in the city yesterday.

— The STAR had a pleasant call yesterday from Mr. J. T. Lewis, of Hallsboro.

— Dal M. Hardy, Esq., a well known young lawyer of Goldsboro, is in the city on a visit.

— Miss Della Morton, of Tar Landing, is visiting Mrs. Henry Mintz, on North Third street.

— Mrs. E. R. Aiken, of Greenville, arrived last evening to visit her mother, Mrs. C. W. Westbrook.

— Messrs. Robert Clemmons, W. C. Rushing and J. Russ, three merchants of Hallsville, are in the city on business.

— Mr. Eugene P. Albea, a popular "knight of the grip" and staunch Democrat of Winston, is registered at The Orton.

— Miss Nellie High, of Fayetteville, who has been visiting Mrs. J. B. Farrow, 106 Dock street, returned home yesterday.

— Mr. B. H. Griffin, of Goldsboro, arrived in the city last night. Mr. Griffin is the clever and popular manager of Hotel Kennon.

— Mr. W. H. Humphries, of the Atlantic Coast Line shops here, has been transferred to Rocky Mount. He leaves to-morrow for his new post.

— Mr. Walker Weeks, a son of Mr. Wm. Weeks, of Southport, who is attending a dental college in Baltimore, was here yesterday, returning home for his vacation.

— Mr. C. H. Westbrook, formerly in charge of the carpet department in the dry goods store of Capt. A. D. Brown, has become manager and head clerk in Mr. J. H. Rehder's department store.

— Judge Jas. E. Shepherd, of Raleigh, is registered at the Orton. To a STAR reporter he said that he was here on professional business of no public interest. He will return to Raleigh to-day.

PROMINENT OFFICIALS HERE.

Material Changes in Divisions of Bell Telephone System—Charlotte Now Headquarters.

Mr. C. H. Wilson, general manager of the Southern Bell Telephone system, with headquarters in New York, and Mr. M. B. Spier, superintendent of this, the third division, were in the city for several hours yesterday inspecting the system here and taking a sort of passing birdseye view of the city. They were received by Manager F. L. Woodruff, shown through the offices and driven through the principal streets.

Neither of these gentlemen had been here before, and both gave expression to much gratification both at the excellent condition of the telephone system and splendid appearance of the city—North Carolina's flourishing metropolis.

It will be of interest to note in this connection that on last Friday material changes were made in the Bell Company districts, by which a new division, known as the Third, is established, with Charlotte as headquarters. This includes all points in North and South Carolina, and Mr. Spier was appointed superintendent. Heretofore the Wilmington office has been under the supervision of Mr. C. E. McClure, of Richmond.

Mr. Spier has been in the service of the Bell Company for three years. He returned to Charlotte yesterday evening, and General Manager Wilson left for Norfolk.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

W. & W. Railroad—29 bales cotton, 1 cask spirits turpentine, 3 bbls tar.

W., C. & A. Railroad—55 bales cotton, 18 casks spirits turpentine, 11 bbls rosin, 6 bbls tar, 2 bbls crude turpentine.

C. F. & Y. V. Railroad—8 casks spirits turpentine, 80bbls rosin, 31 bbls tar.

Schooner J. D. Pigott—16 bbls rosin, 32 bbls tar.

Schooner K. T. Willis—6 bales cotton, 7 casks spirits turpentine, 70 bbls rosin.

Total—Cotton, 90 bales; spirits turpentine, 34 casks; rosin, 177 bbls; tar, 72 bbls; crude turpentine, 2 bbls.

Basket Picnic.

The ladies of Queen Bertha's Guild of St. John's Episcopal Church will give a basket picnic to Old Brunswick on Easter Monday on the steamer *Wilmington*. Everybody knows how delightful a trip to historic Brunswick is and doubtless there will be a large crowd to take the trip. The round trip will be only 25 cents. Boat will leave at 9 30 A. M.

Game Given to Wake Forest.

A private telegram received last night by a gentleman who is interested in base ball gives the following account of the game of base ball played yesterday at Wake Forest College between Wake Forest and the University: University, 7; Wake Forest, 1, when in the seventh inning University left the field. Game given to Wake Forest at a score of 9 to 0.

THE NAVAL MILITIA.

Great Activity Displayed as the Result of Orders Recently Received.

RECRUITS BEING SECURED.

Many Applications for Enlistment—The "Mosquito" Fleet—Visit From Members of the Southport Division. The Monitor Nantucket.

There is great activity among the Naval Reserves throughout the State, as a result of the orders recently received. Several applications for admission into the Wilmington division were received yesterday and will be acted on soon. It is too soon to hear from the other divisions, but it is presumed that they, too, will have no trouble in getting recruits.

The Naval Militia will play a prominent and honorable part in the struggle that is now impending. It contains men of education, refinement, and more than average intelligence. These attainments will of course place the reserves on a footing vastly superior to the ordinary seamen. Their training will fit them specially for service as officers and at least 20 per cent. of the Naval Reserves would become officers in case they should be called into service. This is one of the motives upon which ambitious young men will join the Naval Reserves, and not only that, but it is so much easier to join the navy through the reserves before war is declared. After the declaration enlistments will have to be made at the Norfolk navy yard, as there is no recruiting station here. Commander Morton has asked the Department to allow all the commands to be recruited to 86 men instead of 75, and thinks that the request will doubtless be granted. Eighty-six is the regular division number in the navy.

Orders have been sent to all the divisions calling for two drills each week. The Wilmington division drills Tuesday and Thursday nights.

Commander Morton inspected the vessels in the different ports of the State for use as the "mosquito fleet" some time ago, and sent descriptions of them all on blanks prepared for the purpose to the Navy Department. This was in anticipation of the orders that he felt certain would come. Yesterday he made additional inspections of the vessels in this port. Work on the *Nantucket* has not commenced yet, and will not be until positive orders come from the government. When these come they will most likely be "rush" orders, and it will not be long after their arrival before the monitor will be in good fighting trim.

Southport Division.

Lieutenant M. Farguson and a crew of nine men of the Southport division of Naval Reserves came up yesterday on the steamer *Wilmington* to carry down the canvas boat recently acquired by the division. Besides Lieutenant Farguson and Mr. C. Ed. Taylor, one of the reserves, who came up Friday, there were in the party, First Sergeant Percy Canady, and seamen W. T. Pinner, Arthur Dosher, A. M. Savage, W. J. Mintz, T. M. Morse, M. B. Mintz, Chas. Hewett, and Willie Thompson.

The Southport Reserves made a fine impression on our people. They are big, stalwart fellows and could do valiant work if called into service, as they probably will from the present outlook. Lieutenant Farguson was replendent in a brand new suit and presents a very soldierly appearance. He has had good naval training and makes an excellent officer.

The Reserves went back on the *Wilmington* in the afternoon. Their canvas boat was towed down by the *Wilmington*, as the tide was not favorable enough for the men to embark in the boat. Several cases of metallic cartridges were carried down for the use of the Reserves.

Notice Not Yet Served.

Coroner David Jacobs has not yet had an opportunity to serve the notice issued by Justice J. M. McGowan upon Sheriff Hewlett, of New Hanover county. The sheriff was expected in the city yesterday, but did not show up. STAR readers will remember that the notice is to show cause April 11th, why judgment should not be entered against him for $300, for failure to make certain returns as provided by law.

To City Subscribers.

We assure our subscribers that we regret the necessity that compels us to go to press so much later than usual more than they do. It materially delays the delivery of the STAR to city subscribers; but if we should go to press earlier the STAR would miss much of the latest and most important news that now makes the paper so interesting. We are doing the very best we can to satisfy our readers.

Free Mail Delivery at Carolina Beach.

The petition for free mail delivery at Carolina Beach has not yet been forwarded to the Postoffice Department at Washington. The delivery doesn't go into effect until May 15th, and Postmaster Chadbourn does not think it wise to send it in so far ahead. It will go in in due time and no doubt will be granted.

To City Subscribers.

City subscribers are earnestly requested to report promptly at the STAR office every failure of the carriers to deliver their papers. In all such cases steps will be taken to insure prompt and regular delivery.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

St. Mathew's English Lutheran Church, Fourth street, above Bladen street, Rev. G. D. Bernheim, pastor. Morning service and confirmation at 11 o'clock. No service at night. Sunday school at 9:30 A. M. All seats free, and every person cordially invited.

St. Thomas' Church, Palm Sunday. First mass, 7 A. M.; last mass, 10:30 A. M. Vespers. Sermon, "Jesus Condemned to Death." 7:15 P. M.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, corner of Market and Sixth streets. English service at 8 P. M. No service in the morning. All seats free.

Services in St. John's Church today, Palm Sunday, by the rector, Rev. Dr. Carmichael. Litany, sermon and holy communion, 11 A. M. Confirmation 5 P. M. Sunday school 3.30 P. M.

There will be lay reading at St. Paul's Episcopal Church this morning.

St. James Church, (Palm Sunday) 11 A. M., morning prayer, sermon, confirmation, the Holy Communion; 8. P. M., evening prayer. Sunday school at 3.30 P. M. At the eleven o'clock service, Bishop Watson will administer the Apostolic Rite of Laying on of Hands. Services for Holy Week—Monday, 3.30 A. M., 11 A. M. 8 P. M.; Tuesday, 7.30 A. M., 11 A. M., 8 P. M.; Wednesday, 7.30 A. M., 11 A. M., 8 P. M.; Thursday, 7.30 A. M., 8 P. M.; Good Friday, 9 A. M., 12 M., 6 P. M.; Saturday, 7.30 A. M. Public cordially invited.

If you want Ice Cream call us up on either 'phone. We will be in factory till two o'clock. Palace Bakery. †

DIED.

WRIGHT—In Christiansburg, Va., early Friday morning, JOSHUA G. WRIGHT, Jr.

The funeral will take place from St. James' Episcopal Church this (Sunday) morning at 10 o'clock. Interment in Oakdale. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend.

KELLEY—On April 2nd, at 9.15 P. M., at her residence No. 215 North Second street, Mrs. JULIA A. KELLEY, relict of the late Geo. H. Kelley.

Funeral notice announced later.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Attention Veterans.

The annual meeting of Cape Fear Camp U. C. V's. No. 256, will be held on Tuesday night, April 5th, 1898, at half-past 8 o'clock, at the Armory of the W. L. I.

By order of the Commander.
HENRY SAVAGE, Adjutant.
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THE MORNING STAR, the oldest daily newspaper in North Carolina, is published daily except Monday, $5.00 per year, $2.50 for six months, $1.25 for three months, 50 cents for one month to mail subscribers. Delivered to city subscribers at the rate of 45 cents per month for any period from one month to one year.

ADVERTISING RATES (DAILY)—One square one day, $1.00; two days, $1.75; three days, $2.50; four days, $3.00; five days, $3.50; one week, $4.00; two weeks, $6.50; three weeks, $8.50; one month, $10.00; two months, $17.00; three months, $24.00; six months, $40.00; twelve months, $60.00. Ten lines of solid Nonpariel type make one square.

THE WEEKLY STAR is published every Friday morning at $1.00 per year, 60 cents for six months, 30 cents for three months.

All announcements of Fairs, Festivals, Balls, Hops, Picnics, Society Meetings, Political Meetings, &c., will be charged regular advertising rates.

Advertisements discontinued before the time contracted for has expired, charged transient rates for time actually published.

No advertisements inserted in Local Columns at any price.

All announcements and recommendations of candidates for office, whether in the shape of communications or otherwise, will be charged as advertisements.

Payments for transient advertisements must be made in advance. Known parties, or strangers with proper reference, may pay monthly or quarterly, according to contract.

Remittances must be made by Check, Draft, Postal Money Order, Express or in Registered Letter. Only such remittances will be at the risk of the publisher.

Communications, unless they contain important news or discuss briefly and properly subjects of real interest, are not wanted; and, if acceptable in every other way, they will invariably be rejected if the real name of the author is withheld.

Notices of Marriage or Death, Tributes of Respect, Resolutions of Thanks, &c., are charged for as ordinary advertisements, but only half rates when paid for strictly in advance. At this rate 50 cents will pay for a simple announcement of Marriage or Death.

Advertisements inserted once a week in Daily will be charged $1.00 per square for each insertion. Every other day, three-fourths of daily rate. Twice a week, two-thirds of daily rate.

Contract advertisers will not be allowed to exceed their space or advertise anything foreign to their regular business without extra charge at transient rates.

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The Morning Star.

BY WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SUNDAY MORNING, APRIL 3, 1898

SUPERLATIVE FOLLY.

Premier Sagasta, of Spain, is doing the best he can, under the circumstances, and as the lawyer who manages a desperate and hopeless case is entitled to credit for any success he may have so is Sagasta entitled to credit for the resource and skill he has shown in conducting his side of the diplomatic business with this country. His hasn't been an easy task, for he has to contend against that proverbial Spanish pride which is as thoughtless and unreasonable as it is empty, but he has also to take care of what there is left of the "honor" of Spain, and do his best to save the brightest and most prized jewel in the Spanish crown, which has proved one of immense value to Spain.

If left to himself and his better judgment Sagasta, realizing the fact that Cuba is lost to Spain, would doubtless say to the United States that Spain would refer the settlement of the Cuban question to them, accept them as an arbiter and abide by any decision they might make, on the presumption that the insurgents would do the same. This would be the common sense thing to do, as the shortest and surest way to settle that question, let Spain out of a very trying situation and save her much money and further sacrifice of life, for which no possible equivalent can come to her.

This, we say, is what we think Sagasta would do if he were free to act on his own cool judgment, but if he had the power he cannot resist the pressure that is brought to bear on him to make the show of resistence which he is making, and therefore he is playing the best hand he can under the circumstances. As we read his actions and his words he is playing for two things; one for time to get some of Spain's warships into the neighborhood of Cuba, thinking that this may have some influence in modifying the demands that this country makes; the other to win sympathy from the European Governments which may be friendly to Spain, or have a money interest which would be best subserved by her retention of sovereignty in Cuba. If he could enlist the sympathy of these powers so far as to secure among them a movement for arbitration, it would stave off the final surrender and let Spain down easy, and break the force of the shock to her pride by the abrupt snatching of Cuba from her by the armed intervention of this country. This is, doubtless, what he is playing for in the concessions he announces his willingness to make and in his suggestion of an armistice giving time enough to hear from the automonists when the election takes place in Cuba, that is if a formality taking place under the present conditions in Cuba could be called an election.

It is, when we take into consideration the condition of Spain and the mighty odds she would have to contend against in a war with this country, or any other first class nation, almost incredible that Sagasta would pursue his policy so far as to make war a necessity when the end would inevitably be defeat, the loss of thousands of lives, and piling up of more millions on the already monstrous debt of a country that is practically bankrupt and cannot raise the revenue to pay the annual interest of $90,000,000 on her $1,613,400,000 debt.

Assuming that the Spaniards are not deficient in martial courage, or that they might be individually a match man to man with the men by whom they might be confronted in battle, Spain has to fight at long range, and fight a nation four times as strong numerically, with incomparably greater resources, and which would do the fighting practically speaking in its own territory and on waters selected by it, so near to its bases of supplies that its ships could run into their own ports when occasion might require and supply themselves with anything they needed. If war should begin within thirty days after the first shots were exchanged Spain's resources would be exhausted, her battleships useless, her treasury bankrupt and no money-lender willing to take the chances of replenishing it.

With the absolute certainty of losing Cuba what has Spain to fight for? Nothing. Her honor? She has lost that already, and even if she had not, going to war with this country would be of the same sort of esprit that keeps the prize ring bruiser in the ring to be punched when he and every one else knows that he was virtually whipped before he went into it; or like the celebrated matador whose rule was never to stand aside for the rushing bull, and who recently paid the penalty of folly and pride, by having a long horn run through his bowels, and furnishing the subject for a pretty large sized funeral shortly afterwards.

What Spain needs now is just a reasonable amount of common sense, and some cool-headed counsellors to advise her not to get mixed up in a war with the United States, which although it might possibly inflict some damage on us, could result in no good to her, and might result in such an upheaval at home as would end the present dynasty, and give Spain another, and perhaps some other form of government, something in the shape of autonomy, not an army despotism, for the Spanish people.

MINOR MENTION.

A cablegram published yesterday, says the Russians deride the suggestion that Port Arthur will be open to British ships and commerce, and the well informed insist that under the present agreement Ta-Lien-Wan can be made another Vladivastock. What a firm grip Russia has on Northern China, is shown by the following, which we clip from the Philadelphia *Ledger*:

"Russia's seizure and occupation of Manchuria is one of the most masterly strokes in history. The Chinese concessions to Russia in connection with Port Arthur and Tallinwan were but the final acts for which the most thorough preparations had long been made. The great province of Manchuria is already in the possession of the Russians, and England, which seems to have been singularly slow to receive the news of the Russification of the province, made a point of the integrity of China after Manchuria had been practically annexed. A correspondent of the London *Times* tells how the Russian, with the motto of "the world's mine oyster, which I, with sword, will open," succeeded in camping in the land. In making the surveys for the projected railway through Manchuria to the ice free harbor of Port Arthur, thousands of soldiers traversed the land and established fortified stations at the principal strategic points and now hold the country firmly in their grasp. The natives accept the new regime as a matter of course, and the *Times'* correspondent gives an incident showing how the Czar's men have impressed the people: 'The Russian Colonel Grombtchesky was in Kirin in August, in a river steamer belonging to the Government, at Blagovestchensk. Through some oversight no official went out to meet him. He thereupon anchored his steamer abreast of the Governor's yamen and blew the steam whistle until the whole city knew of his arrival. The respect that was shown him was abject.'

"Manchuria is one of the richest lands in the world, and has a population of 20,000,000. The Russians have a right to mine there, to build railways, to import machinery for both purposes, to navigate freely the rivers, and to defend themselves by force independent of the Chinese. They have, in fact, possessed themselves of the country, and the concessions under the name of lease, which are the cause of the diplomatic deadlock, were nothing more than the formal ratification of an accomplished fact."

Lord Salisbury permitted himself to be completely outwitted by the Russians. He dallied when he should have been assertive and positive, and now England is confronted by the necessity of either fighting or being barred out of Northern China, and eventually out of Southern China, on which France, Russia's ally, has her grip, or quietly letting Russia pursue her diplomatic conquest, and become mistress of the field. She will hardly do this especially when she can count on Japan as an ally.

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While the outlook is decidedly warlike it does not necessarily mean war at once. Although Mr. Grosvenor, who presumably spoke for the Administration in his reply to Mr. Bailey last Thursday, squarely committed the Administration to a policy of armed intervention, on second thought both the Administration and Congress may conclude that the recognition of Cuban independence may be as far as it may be necessary to got at this time, leaving the question of armed intervention to be settled later. This would not be in itself a cause for war, and if it were made so the declaration must be made by Spain and the responsibility would be hers. Possibly the Cubans would prefer a simple recognition of independence to a recognition accompanied by armed intervention. Such a preference manifested by them might have weight in shaping action. In his speech Thursday, Mr. Bailey said that he had been assured by persons in a position to speak for the Cubans that they did not desire armed intervention by this Government, that all they asked was recognition, which would put them in a position to fly their own flag on the seas, and to equip themselves in a way they can't do now, and that they had no fears whatever that they could not in a short while win their independence and drive the Spaniards from the island. Taking this view of it, possibly the outcome may be simply the recognition of Cuba's independence, for the present, and this would not necessarily mean war, unless Spain precipitated it.

It is said that the Populists of the First Kansas Congressional district are trying to have John J. Ingalls accept their nomination for Congress, and that he is likely to accept. John J. would make a very interesting figure as a Pop. Representative, to see him pop it to his quondam friends, the Republicans, one of whom in bygone days he was which, and a very hefty although somewhat airy (if this itn't bullish) one, too.

J. D. Mackey, once a millionaire and a great railroad magnate, has realized what it is to be buffeted around by fate. Death took from him his wife and daughter and adversity took from him his fortune, and now on the down hill of life he is so poor that it is said he recently applied for work in a factory in Anderson, Indiana. He ends life where he began, with nothing, and less hope, for he started with youth.

BOOK NOTICES.

The Ladies' Home Journal for April is a beautiful and interesting number, handsomely illustrated and filled with interesting and valuable reading matter. Published by the Curtis Publishing Company, Philadelphia.

The Atlantic Monthly for April presents a varied and interesting list of contents, which the reader of solid literature, and of light literature will enjoy. Published by Houghton, Mifflin & Co., No. 11 East Seventeenth street, New York.

St. Nicholas, for April, is a delightful number, which the young folks will enjoy. The list of contents is both interesting and instructive, and the illustrations beautiful, as they always are in this publication. Published by The Century Company, Union Square, New York.

A valuable addition to the magazines of this country is *The Newspaper Magazine*, which is devoted mainly to reproducing the best things that appear in the newspapers of the country, but not confined to this, for it also prints much other interesting matter, original and selected. It is a large publication, containing 164 pages, printed in large and easily read type. It fills a want, ought to be popular, and we have no doubt it will, if the initial number be a sample of what it is to be. Published by The Newspaper Magazine Publishing Company, 105 West Thirty-ninth street, New York.

CURRENT COMMENT.

John Wanamaker may have the moral element of Pennsylvania aroused, but the fact that it is not strong enough to carry the Republican primaries is bulging out in bold relief.—*Washington Post, Ind.*

—— Fitzhugh Lee's life is said to be in danger in Havana. But Fitzhugh Lee has undertaken a duty there, and it is the custom of his kind to stick to duty regardless of personal consequences. The Republic is fortunate in that it has such men in its service.—*New York World, Dem.*

—— Every war vessel which the Spaniards may send to this side of the Atlantic will add to the chance that war with Spain would be of short duration. We would not make the fight at a disadvantage if it should be conducted, so to speak, in our dooryard and in sight of our base of supplies.—*Philadelphia Record, Dem.*

—— Five employes of a New York banking house are members of the National Guard. An official of the bank said a day or two ago that if their commands were called upon to take the field, the men would be given leave of absence, their salaries would be continued to them during the term of their service with the troops, and their places would be held open for them upon their return. There is patriotism in the liberality. No charge of sordidness can be laid at the door of that bank. —*Savannah News, Dem.*

TWINKLINGS.

— Rather Indefinite—Little Girl —"Ma wants five cents' worth of dog meat." Butcher—"Bologna or frankfurters, miss."—*Judge.*

— It Might Have Been—"Papa, if you hadn't married mamma"—"Well?" "What a lot o' fun me an' you could have—a-doin' as we please!"

— His Short Memory: He—"Bella, will you marry me?" She—"Why, Alfred, you asked me that question last Sunday, and I said yes!" —*Chicago Tribnue*

— The Passer-By—"Beg pardn'n, cap'n, but do ye 'appen to know 'ow I can git some work?" Cyclist—"Yes, I do. Get a cycle, and clean it yourself."—*Ally Sloper.*

— A Vain Hope—"See that tall young woman over there? She is a doctor of music." "Gracious! Do you think she could do anything for Wagner opera?"

— The Receipt—The Maid—"How have you gained such a reputation for being clever?" The Widow—"By making other people think they are so."—*Brooklyn Life.*

— The Difference: Customer—What is the difference between those two hats? Clerk—About the only difference is in the price. One is marked a dollar higher than the other. Customer—So I see—a marked difference.

— Hamilton—"I see there is a good deal in the papers just now about Ireland having a bloodless revolution." Manning—"Don't you believe a word of it. Ireland will suffer extermination rather than indulge in a revolution of that kind."—*Cleveland Leader.*

Be sure you are right, then go ahead. Be sure you get Hood's Sarsaparilla, and not some cheap and worthless substitute. †

BLACK AND WHITE SUMMER GOWN FROM HARPER'S BAZAR

A summer gown in the black and white effect so popular in Paris is quaint in many little ways, the bodice being particularly noticeable for the latest novelty—the old-time under-sleeve. New styles of contrasting sleeves will be much favored as the season advances.

The material of the gown is white taffeta patterned with black polka dots in groups of three, though the design may be more simply made of foulard, chellie, or linen. The model is an advantageous one for refurbishing an old gown. The ruffled skirt with flounces reaching to the waist has the new six-gored foundation skirt, three and one-half yards wide at the foot. Double quillings of black silk muslin border each flounce, as well as the full ruffles of the waist and the puffed caps which surmount the sleeves. The pointed neck, edged back and front with a band of fine tucks in black muslin, shows a full guimpe of sheer white silk lawn, which forms also the lower part of the bodice. The transparent under sleeves, passing under ruffled caps, are finished at the wrist with a pointed cuff or tucked black muslin and a full frill of lawn. Narrow velvet bands pass over the shoulders, back and front, joined by small knots with many loops. The collar is plainly draped, and the waist is encircled by a velvet ribbon drawn through a pearl buckle. The proper cut of the gown can be obtained only from the patterns published by HARPER'S BAZAR, where it appears.

Approximate quantity of material for gown: Silk for lining, 14 yards; taffeta silk for flounces and waist, 14 yards; black muslin, 5 yards; lawn, 2½ yards; velvet ribbon, 2 yards.

THE BLUEBIRD.

MAURICE THOMPSON.

When ice is thawed and snow is gone,
  And racy sweetness floods the trees;
When snowbirds from the hedge have flown,
  And on the hive-porch swarm the bees—
Drifting down the first warm wind
  That thrills the earliest days of spring,
The bluebird seeks our maple groves,
  And charms them into tasseling.

He sits among the delicate sprays,
  With mists of splendor round him drawn,
And through the spring's prophetic veil
  Sees summer's rich fulfillment dawn;
He sings, and his is nature's voice—
  A gush of melody sincere
From that great fount of harmony
  Which thaws and runs when spring is here.

Short is his song, but strangely sweet
  To ears aweary of the low,
Dull tramp of winter's sullen feet,
  Sandaled in ice and muffled in snow;
Short is his song, but through it runs
  A hint of dithyrambs yet to be—
A sweet suggestiveness that has
  The influence of prophecy.

From childhood I have nursed a faith
  In bluebirds' songs and winds of spring:
They tell me after frost and death
  There comes a time of blossoming;
And after snow and cutting sleet,
  The cold, stern mood of Nature yields
To tender warmth, when bare pink feet

  Of children press the greening fields.
Sing strong and clear, O bluebird dear!
  While all the land with splendor fills,
While maples gladden in the vales
  And plum trees blossom on the hills;
Float down the wind of shining wings,
  And do thy will by grove and stream,
While through my life spring's freshness runs
  Like music through a poet's dream.

SUNDAY SELECTIONS.

— Character is what a man is, not what he appears to be.

— The man who talks most about himself says the least.

— Every Christian's life is a book some sinner has to read.

— Nothing is real success that is not according to God's plan.

— If we give the devil our eyes, he will soon have control of our feet.

— "A wise man foreseeth the evil and hideth himself, but the simple pass on and are punished."

— Before you tell a child that it is Sunday all the time in Heaven, be sure that it loves to see Sunday come.

— We wrong God and cheat men if we refuse to let our light shine as it should because tallow is expensive.

— He who loafs to-day may hunger to-morrow, and he who laughs at the misfortunes of others shall some day cry and not be heard.

— The human soul in youth is not a machine of which you may polish the cogs, and having gotten it into working order, start your immortal locomotive at twenty-five years old, express from the Straight Gate on the Narrow Road.

— It is a little queer that a man who has a grudge against his Creator for wanting to deprive him of one day in seven—"deprive" is his word—has not yet thought to protest against the law that "deprives" him of eight hours in every twenty-four. If the setting apart of one day in seven for rest is a wrong, the setting apart of our nights to rest is a double-dyed wrong.

— Greensboro *Record:* Rev. J. T. Gibbons, the editor of the negro paper at Winston, was assaulted this (Friday) morning by Mat. Scales, a negro noted for fighting. Gibbons came out second best. He had a pistol on him and Scales allowed him to get up after the editor gave up his shooting iron.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Enfield *Enterprise:* Mad dogs are said to be plentiful around here. Major Burnet was in town yesterday and told us that a rabid dog passed his house Sunday, attacking everything it came up with.

— Fair Bluff *Times:* The strawberry farms down at Chadbourn are looking beautiful, and if cold weather and frost do not put in an appearance our sister town will be the scene of great activity within the next few weeks.

— Raleigh *News and Observer:* Some idea of the growth and prosperity of Southern Pines and Pinehurst can be obtained from the fact that the freight and passenger receipts at Southern Pines are over $60,000 a year. A few years ago it was not $60 a year.

— Fayetteville *Observer:* Mrs. Elizabeth Flowers, who has been sick for some time past, quietly passed away at 7.20 o'clock this morning at her home in Campbellton. Mrs. Flowers, who was in her 75th year, leaves two sons, Capt. W. H. Flowers, chief of police of this city, and Mr. J. E. Flowers, of Georgia.

—Wadesboro *Messenger-Intelligencer:* A rather peculiar accident occurred at the cotton mill this morning. The clothing of one of the spinners, the 13-year old daughter of Mr. Moses Cabaness, was caught in a belt and was almost entirely torn from her body. The girl, strange to say, was not hurt at all.

— Monroe *Enquirer:* Dr. J. E. Green, of Marshville, died on the 28th ulto., after several weeks sickness. He was about 55 years old. —— Mrs. Jane Williams, relict of the late Lewis Williams, died at her home in New Salem township last Friday morning. She had been sick for several months. —— Ore from a gold mine on Mr. Alex Osborne's place, a mile west of town, has recently been tested and found to yield $47.50 worth of gold per ton. The mine was opened by the late Michael Osborne about forty years ago.

A Costly Book.

The highest price ever paid for a single volume was tendered by a number of wealthy Jewish merchants of Venice to Pope Julius II for a very ancient Hebrew Bible. It was then believed to be an original copy of the Septuagint version made from the Hebrew into Greek in 277 B. C., careful copies of the Hebrew text having been prepared at that date for the use of the 70 translators. The offer to Julius was £20,000, which, considering the difference between the value of money then and now, would in our day represent the princely sum of $600,000. Julius was at that time greatly pressed for money to maintain the holy league which the pope had organized against France, but in spite of his lack of funds he declined the offer.

Kicked the King.

Vanity Fair says that when Don Jaime, the son of Don Carlos, was at school in England one of his older schoolfellows was one day seen vigorously kicking him. Asked what Jaime had done to provoke such treatment, the English boy answered, "He hasn't done anything, but perhaps he'll be king one of these days, and if he is I want to be able to say that I once kicked the king of Spain."

A Milk Test.

To determine if milk has been adulterated stick a bright steel knitting needle into the liquid and then draw it out. If the milk clings to the needle and drops slowly from the end it is pure, but if the liquid runs off quickly the milk has been mixed with water.

An Enterprising Druggist.

There are few men more wide awake and enterprising that R. R. BELLAMY, who spares no pains to secure the best of everything in their line for their many customers. They now have the agency for Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. This is the wonderful remedy that is producing such a furor all over the country by its many startling cures. It absolutely cures Asthma, Bronchitis, Hoarseness and all affections of the Throat, Chest and Lungs. Call at the above drug store and get a trial bottle free or a regular size for 50 cents and $1.00. Guaranteed to cure or price refunded. †

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Frankincense.

Frankincense is the purest of all incense. It is a gum resin from an Arabian terebinth. To obtain this a deep incision is made in the trunk and below it a narrow strip of bark peeled off. When the exudation has hardened, the incision is deepened. In about three months the resin has acquired a sufficient degree of consistency. It is gathered in large quantities and packed in goatskins. It was formerly believed that the trees which yielded frankincense were infested by winged serpents, and the only way to be rid of them and to get at the treasure was by burning gum styrax, an odoriferous balsam of aromatic smell. Frankincense was forbidden to be used for embalming, as it was sacred to sacrificial purposes. The Israelites were strictly prohibited from compounding it.

Now it is used largely in Roman Catholic and high church ceremonies. The thurible is swung, the incense burns with a bright white flame, the choir chants its hymns of petition and penitence, and the song and the perfume rise together.

In the time of St. Sylvester the Emperor Constantine made an offering in the basilica of St. Marcellinus and St. Peter at Rome of a hundred pounds weight of frankincense.

The best quality is exported from Africa. An inferior kind is found on the mountains of India.—London Society.

How to Look Good.

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☞ The following quotations represent Whole- Prices generally. In making up small orders higher prices have to be charged.

BAGGING—			
2 ℔ Jute		@	6¾
Standard		@	7⅜
WESTERN SMOKED—			
Hams ℘ ℔	12	@	14
Sides ℘ ℔	6	@	7¼
Shoulders ℘ ℔	6	@	7½
DRY SALTED—			
Sides ℘ ℔	5¾	@	5⅞
Shoulders ℘ ℔		@	5¼
BARRELS—Spirits Turpentine—			
Second-hand, each	1 00	@	1 10
New New Mork, each		@	1 20
New City, each		@	1 20
BEESWAX ℘ ℔		@	22
BRICKS—			
Wilmington ℘ M	5 00	@	7 00
Northern	9 00	@	14 00
BUTTER—			
North Carolina ℘ ℔	15	@	18
Northern	18	@	25
CORN MEAL—			
Per bushel, in sacks	45	@	48
Virginia Meal	45	@	48
COTTON TIES—℘ bundle		@	85
CANDLES—℘ ℔—			
Sperm	18	@	25
Adamantine	8	@	10
CHEESE—℘ ℔—			
Northern Factory	10	@	11
Dairy, Cream		@	11
State	10½	@	12
COFFEE—℘ ℔—			
Laguyra	12	@	16
Rio	7½	@	10
DOMESTICS—			
Sheeting, 4-4, ℘ yard		@	15¼
Yarns, ℘ bunch	18	@	20
EGGS—℘ dozen	9	@	10
FISH—			
Mackerel, No. 1, ℘ barrel	22 00	@	30 00
Mackerel, No. 1, ℘ half-bbl.	11 00	@	15 00
Mackerel, No. 2, ℘ barrel	16 00	@	18 00
Mackerel, No. 2 ℘ half-bbl.	8 00	@	9 00
Mackerel, No. 3, ℘ barrel	13 00	@	14 00
Mullets, ℘ barrel	2 50	@	3 50
Mullets, ℘ pork barrel		@	6 50
N. C. Roe Herring, ℘ keg	3 00	@	3 25
Dry Cod, ℘ ℔	5	@	10
" Extra	4 35	@	4 50
FLOUR—℘ ℔—			
Low grade		@	4 00
Choice		@	4 90
Straight		@	5 25
First Patent	5 50	@	6 00
GLUE—℘ ℔	7½	@	8½
GRAIN—℘ bushel—			
Corn, from store, bgs—White	48	@	50
Car load, in bags—White	47	@	48
Oats, from store		@	40
Oats, Rust Proof		@	45
Cow Peas		@	60
HIDES—℘ ℔—			
Green		@	8
Dry		@	12
HAY, ℘ 100 ℔s—			
Clover Hay	80	@	85
Rice Straw		@	50
Eastern		@	90
Western		@	85
North River		@	75
HOOP IRON, ℘ ℔	1½	@	2
LARD, ℘ ℔—			
Northern	5½	@	6
North Carolina	6	@	10
LIME, ℘ barrel	1 15	@	1 25
LUMBER (city sawed) ℘ M ft—			
Ship Stuff, resawed	18 00	@	20 00
Rough-edge Plank	15 00	@	16 00
West India cargoes, according to quality	13 00	@	18 00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned	18 00	@	22 00
Scantling and Board, com'n	14 00	@	15 00
MOLASSES, ℘ gallon—			
Barbadoes, in hogshead		@	26
Barbadoes in barrels		@	28
Porto Rico, in hogsheads		@	27
Porto Rico, in barrels		@	28
Sugar-House, in hogsheads	12	@	14
Sugar-House, in barrels	14	@	15
Syrup, in barrels	12	@	15
NAILS ℘ keg, Cut. 60d basis	1 45	@	1 50
PORK, ℘ barrel—			
City Mess	11 00	@	11 50
Rump		@	11 50
Prime		@	11 50
ROPE, ℘ ℔	10	@	22
SALT, ℘ sack Alum		@	1 10
Liverpool		@	65
Lisbon		@	
American		@	65
On 125 ℘ Sacks		@	45
SHINGLES, 7-inch, ℘ M	5 00	@	6 50
Common	1 60	@	2 25
Cypress Saps	2 50	@	3 50
SUGAR, ℘ ℔—Standard Gran'd		@	5¼
Standard A		@	5⅛
White Extra C		@	5
Extra C, Golden		@	4¼
C. Yellow		@	4½
SOAP, ℘ ℔—Northern	3¼	@	4
STAVES, ℘ M—W. O. barrel	6 00	@	14 00
R. O. Hogshead		@	10 00
TIMBER, ℘ M feet—Shipping		@	9 00
Mill, Prime		@	7 00
Mill, Fair	6 50	@	6 50
Common Mill	4 00	@	3 50
Inferior to Ordinary		@	3 00
SHINGLES, N. C. Cypress sawed			
℘ M 6x24 heart	7 50	@	8 50
" Sap	5 00	@	6 00
5x24 Heart	4 50	@	5 00
" Sap	4 00	@	4 50
6x24 Heart	6 00	@	6 50
" Sap	5 00	@	5 50
TALLOW, ℘ ℔		@	6
WHISKEY, ℘ gallon—Northern	1 00	@	2 00
North Carolina	1 00	@	2 00
WOOL ℘ ℔—Unwashed	8	@	15

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, April 2.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.—Market firm at 28 cents per gallon for machine-made casks and 27½ cents for country casks.

ROSIN.—Market steady at $1.20 per bbl for Strained and $1.25 for Good Strained.

TAR.—Market quiet at 90 cents per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE.—Market steady at $1.50 per barrel for Hard, and $2.00 for Dip.

Quotations same day last year.—Spirits turpentine steady, 27, 26½c; rosin firm, $1.45, $1.50; tar quiet, 95 cents; crude turpentine firm, $1.30, $1.80.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	34
Rosin	177
Tar	72
Crude Turpentine	2

Receipts same day last year.—9 casks spirits turpentine, 116 bbls rosin, 69 bbls tar, 11 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market firm on a basis of 5¼c per pound for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	3 5-16	cts. ℘ lb.
Good Ordinary	4⅝	" "
Low Middling	5 5-16	" "
Middling	5¾	" "
Good Middling	6	" "

Same day last year, middling 7c.

Receipts—90 bales; same day last year, 5.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina—Prime, 40@50c per bushel of 28 pounds; Extra Prime, 55c; Fancy, 60. Virginia—Extra Prime, 55c; Fancy, 60c.

CORN—Firm; 47½@50 cents per bushel.

ROUGH RICE—$1.00@1.05 per bushel.

N. C. BACON—steady; hams 8 to 9c per pound; shoulders, 6 to 7c; sides, 7 to 8c.

SHINGLES—Per thousand, five inch, hearts and saps, $1.60 to $2.25; six inch, $2.25 to 3.25; seven inch, $5.50 to 6.50.

TIMBER—Market steady at $3.00 to $7.50 per M.

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, April 2.—Money on call was firm at 2@3 per cent.; last loan at 2 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 5@6 per cent. Sterling exchange steady, actual business in bankers' bills 483½@483¾ for demand; 480¾@481 for sixty days. Posted rates 481½@482 and 484½@485. Commercial bills were 480. Silver certificates 55⅝@56¼. Bar silver 55@55½. Mexican dollars 45. Government bonds were weak: U. S. new 4's registered 120; do. coupon, 120⅜; U. S. 4's 108; do. coupon, 110; U. S. 2's, 98; U. S. 5's, registered, 111; do. 5's, coupon, 111. State bonds dull; N. C. 6's 122¼; 4's 100.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

NEW YORK, April 1.—Rosin was steady; strained, common to good, $1 42½@1 45. Spirits turpentine firm 32½@33½c.

CHARLESTON, April 1.—Spirits turpentine firm at 28½c; no sales. Rosin firm and unchanged; no sales.

SAVANNAH, April 2.—Spirits turpentine opened firm at 28c, with sales of 55 casks; closed firm at 27c, with sales 30 casks additional; receipts 950 casks. Rosin firm and unchanged; sales 966 barrels; receipts 2,988 barrels.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, April 2.—The cotton market opened steady on Liverpool buying, with prices 1 to 3 points lower under disappointing cables and war talk. The market was feverish later in the forenoon with prices tending downward under local liquidation and some bear selling. Not a little of the early business was for the evening-up of outstanding obligations by the smaller operators. Fluctuations were almost violent at times and the market easily influenced by the tenor of war news. Late in the forenoon business was scattered and the market, without new features, closed steady at a net gain of 1 to 2 points. Total sales futures 43,500 bales.

NEW YORK, April 2.—Cotton was quiet; middling 6 3-16c.

Cotton futures closed quiet; no sales reported; April 5.90c, May 5.94c, June 5.97c, July 6.00c, August 6.02c, September 6.00c, October 5.99c, November 6.00c, December 6.02c, January 6.04c.

Spot cotton closed quiet; middling uplands 6 3-16c; middling gulf 6 7-16c; sales 1,365 bales.

Net receipts 200 bales; gross receipts 2,881 bales; sales 1,365 bales; sales to spinners 165 bales; stock 193,484 bales.

Total to-day—Net receipts 8,714 bales; exports to Great Britain 16,747 bales; exports to France 10,275 bales; exports to the Continent 11,752 bales; stock 815,184 bales.

Total since September 1st—Net receipts 7,908,625 bales; exports to Great Britain 2,921,658 bales; exports to France 736,687 bales; exports to the Continent 2,506,453 bales.

April 2—Galveston, steady at 5¾c, net receipts 2,667 bales; Norfolk, firm at 5 13-16c, net receipts 476 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 6c, net receipts — bales; Boston, quiet at 6 3-16, net receipts 244 bales; Wilmington, firm at 5¾c; net receipts 90 bales; Philadelphia, firm at 6 7-16c, net receipts 28 bales; Savannah, steady at 5 9-16c, net receipts 1,695 bales; New Orleans, steady at 5 9-16c, net receipts 2,317 bales; Mobile, quiet at 5 11-16c, net receipts 295 bales; Memphis, steady at 5¾, net receipts 909 bales; Augusta, firm at 5⅞c, net receipts 267 bales; Charleston, steady at 5⅝c, net receipts 738 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, April 2.—Flour was quiet and held higher; city patents $5 75@6 00. Wheat—Spot firm; No. 2 red $1 01¾; options opened strong on higher Liverpool cables and a drop in consols; further advances accompanied active covering by shorts based partly on less favorable crop news and export rumors; the close was very firm at 1@1⅝c net advance; No. 2 red May closed $1 00¾c; July closed 87⅝c. Corn—Spot firm; No. 2 36¼c; options opened firm with wheat, advanced sharply on strong Liverpool news and export demand and closed ⅜c higher; May closed 34c; July closed 35¼c. Oats—Spot firm; No. 2, 30@30¼c; options quiet but firm with other departments, closing ¼c net advance; May closed 29¼c. Lard was firmer; Western steam $5 45; May $5 50; refined firmer. Pork was steady; mess $9 50@9 75; short clear $10 25@12 50; family $11 00@11 50. Butter—market quoted firm; Western creamery 15½@20; do. factory 12@14½c; Elgins 20c; imitation creamery 14@17c; State dairy 14@18½; do creamery 15@19c. Cheese dull; large white September 7½c. Cotton seed oil dull; prime crude 19½c; prime yellow 23¼c. Petroleum dull; refined New York $5 75; Philadelphia and Baltimore $5 70; do. in bulk $3 20. Rice steady; domestic, fair to extra 4⅝@6⅜c; Japan 5¼@6½c. Molasses quiet; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice 28@33c. Cabbage quiet; Florida $1 00@1 25; Charleston and Savannah $1 00@1 75. Coffee—Spot Rio was strong; No. 7 invoice 6⅝c; No. 7 jobbing 6⅝c; mild firm and held higher; Cordova 10½@16. Sugar—Raw strong; fair refining 3⅝c; centrifugal 96 test 4⅛c; refined strong; mould A 5⅛c; granulated 5 3-16c.

CHICAGO, April 2.—War news instead of weakening the market was today decisively a bull factor. The result was the advance of 1½c a bushel, which marked the close. Apparently the belief that war is unavoidable was the cause of withdrawals of all offerings of wheat by Leiter, a sharp advance at Liverpool and a greatly increased demand from Great Britain. There was a general covering movement by shorts. Coarse grain and provisions also were strong. Corn closed ⅛@¼c higher; oats ⅛@¼c higher and provisions 7½@12½c higher.

CHICAGO, April 2.—Cash quotations: Flour quiet. Wheat—No. 2 spring —c; No. 3 spring 90@96c; No. 2 red $1 02@1 02¾. Corn—No. 2 29⅛@29½. Oats—No. 2 25¼c; No. 2 white, free on board 28¼@29¼c; No. 3 white, free on board, 27¾@28¾c. Rye—No. 2 57¼c. Mess pork per bbl., $9 65@9 70. Lard, per 100 lbs $5 15@5 17½. Short rib sides, loose, $5 00@5 30. Dry salted shoulders, boxed, $4 75@4 87½. Short clear sides, boxed, $5 30@5 40. Whiskey, distillers' finished goods, per gallon, $1 19½.

The leading futures ranged as follows, opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—No. 2 May $1 05, 1 05¼, 1 04, 1 05; July 83⅝, 85, 83⅝, 84¾c; September 77¼, 78⅝, 77¼, 77⅞c, December 77¾, 78⅞, 77¾, 77⅞c. Corn—May 29¼, 29½, 29, 29⅜c; July 30½, 30⅞, 30⅞, 30⅞; September 31¾, 31⅞, 31⅜, 31⅞c. Oats—May 25¼, 25½, 25⅛, 25¼c; July 23, 23¼, 23, 23⅛c. Pork, per bbl.—May $9 62½, 9 75, 9 60, 9 65; July $9 70, 9 85, 9 70, 9 77½. Lard, per 100 lbs—May $5 15, 5 20, 5 12½, 5 20; July $5 15, 5 27½, 5 15, 5 27½. Ribs, per 100 lbs.—May $5 07½, 5 15, 5 07½, 5 15; July $5 17½, 5 25, 5 17½, 5 22½.

BALTIMORE, April 2.—Flour quiet and unchanged. Wheat firmer; spot and month 99¼@99½c; May $1.00@1.00¼; steamer No. 2 red 95¾@96c; Southern wheat by sample 95c@$1.00; do on grade 96@99¼c. Corn strong; spot and month 34@34¼c; May 34⅛@34½c; steamer mixed 33½@33⅝c; Southern white corn 35@36c; do yellow 33@34½c. Oats dull and easier; No. 2 white 33@33½c; No. 2 mixed 30@30½c.

FOREIGN MARKET.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, April 2.—1 P. M.—Cotton—Spot quiet and prices in favor of buyers. American middling 3 7-16d. The sales of the day were 7,000 bales, of which 500 were for speculation and export and included 6,700 American. Receipts 13,000 bales, including 12,300 American. Futures opened and closed quiet with a moderate demand. American middling (l m c): April 3 21-64d buyer; April and May 3 21-64d buyer; May and June 3 21-64@3 22-64d seller; June and July 3 21-64@3 22-64d seller; July and August 3 21 64@3 22-64d buyer; August and September 3 21-64d buyer; September and October 3 20-64@3 21-64d seller; October and November 3 20-64@3 21-64d seller; November and December 3 19-64d buyer; December and January 3 19-64d buyer; January and February 3 19-64d buyer.

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EXPORTS.

COASTWISE.

NEW YORK.—Steamship Oneida—199 bbls spirits turpentine, 5 do rosin, 538 do tar, 135,384 feet lumber, 49 cases cotton flannels, 90 pkgs mdse, 147 bags s. blocks, 10,000 bolts, 46 bdls green hides, 174 bags clams.

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List of Vessels in the Port of Wilmington, N. C., April 1, 1898.

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Emma S, 60 tons, Cahoon, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.

John H Tingue, 483 tons, Rhodes, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.

Victory (Br) 131 tons, Munro, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.

STEAMSHIPS.

Steamship Croatan, 826 tons, McKee, Georgetown, H G Smallbones.

Yearby (Br) 1665 tons, Goldsworthy, Alex Sprunt & Son.

Kimon (Austrian), 1,244 tons, Saha, Powers, Gibbs & Co.

Cambay (Br), 1693 tons, Rees, Alex Sprunt & Son.

BARQUES.

Rigi (Nor), 499 tons, Sopff, Heide & Co.

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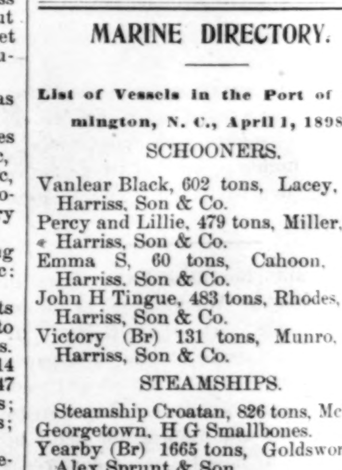

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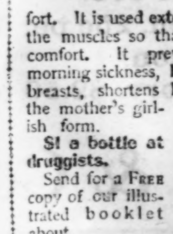

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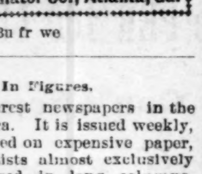

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A Remote Hope.

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PERUVIAN QUIPUS.

Tally Keeping Which Would Puzzle an Expert Mathematician.

At a meeting of the Numismatic and Antiquarian society Dr. Max Uhle, who has been conducting explorations for the university museum in Bolivia and Peru, exhibited a modern Peruvian quipu, which he collected for the museum from the Indians living on the southern side of Lake Titicaca. Von Tschudi had remarked that quipus were still used in the puma of Bolivia. Dr. Uhle obtained two, one for the Berlin museum from the island of Titicaca and later the one exhibited for the university.

These quipus are used by the Indians for keeping account of their flocks of sheep. The present one belonged to an Indian who had been an alcalde. At the close of the year he had to give an account of the sheep to the next following alcalde, and it was for this the quipu was employed. It consists of a number of knotted strands of undyed sheep wool. The different kinds of knots indicate different numbers, the largest hundreds, the next tens and the smallest units. The strands indicating males are placed on one side and those indicating females on the other. In the quipu sent to Berlin the males were brown and the female white. There are also small supplementary knotted cords, which indicate the lambs born during the year and also the sheep consumed as food. There is thus a very perfect tradition of the well known objects, without which it is recorded it would have been impossible to administer the affairs of the empire.

According to the historians, there were keepers of the quipus in old Peru, like our bookkeepers, who kept count up to 100,000. Dr. Uhle described the Indians of Titicaca as extremely poor, and stated that while they probably knew the use of colored quipus they were too poor to obtain colored yarn. A sling made of sheep wool collected by Dr. Uhle was also exhibited. He stated that slings were carried by the drivers, who guided their animals by dexterously thrown stones. They always go about twirling their slings, which are worked in colored designs peculiar to the different tribes. They recognize a man's tribe at once by his sling.—Philadelphia Times.

FASCINATIONS OF POISONS.

The Men Who Make Cyanide of Potassium Are Tempted to Eat It.

There is a factory in London that makes only the deadliest poisons known to chemistry. Last year it produced 1,000 tons of cyanide of potassium. Five grains of this is sufficient to kill a man. In one room of the factory the visitor found tons of the deadly poison. It resembles very closely white crystallized sugar. The visitor remarked to the manager, "It looks good enough to eat."

"Ah," replied the manager gravely, "that is just one of the dangers we have to guard against. For some inexplicable reason cyanide of potassium exercises a remarkable fascination over the men engaged in its manufacture. They are haunted by a constant and everrecurring desire to eat it. They are perfectly alive to the fact, however, that to give way to the craving would mean instant death, and are consequently usually able to resist it, but not always. During the time I have been here three of our best and steadiest workmen have committed suicide in this strange manner, impelled thereto apparently by no cause save this mysterious, horrible longing. I myself have felt the same strange lust when I have long been exposed to the cyanide fumes, and have had to leave the works for a time in consequence. So well is this curious fact recognized that there are always two men at work together in this branch of our business, and a jar of ammonia, which, as you know, is the antidote to the poison, is kept constantly near at hand."

Apart from this remarkable infatuation, which may be likened to the desire experienced by many people when standing on the brink of a precipice to throw themselves down, the manufacture of potassium cyanide is not particularly dangerous. Neither is it unhealthy. In fact, it is asserted that men have gone into the cyanide house ill and debilitated and in a short time have been restored to robust health. —Exchange.

Cultivate Joyousness.

Recently there has been a notable return in our popular literature to the brightness and joyousness which are, after all, the predominating feelings of the wholesome minded man. It behooves every hopeful person who believes in the ultimate goodness of God's world to help on the movement which claims for laughter and rejoicing as true and pure a place in the economy of the universe as tears and doleful shakings of the head. The sooner the Puritan idea of severity and restriction and unshakable gravity being an index to virtue is undermined the better for the preservation of a healthy balance among human faculties. Let us accept frankly the truth that the good in us bubbles over quite naturally and harmlessly into laughter and frolic, and on occasion even into flippancy. Good taste will tell us when the surroundings of our life or the lives of others make such effervescence out of place and will warn us against forcing unnaturally the pace of gayety. Besides, we shall learn that the extreme of nimble spirits brings its own retribution in the form of exhaustion and a growing complementary sadness. We advocate no such extreme, but only press the point that the light and airy phases of our moods are to be thankfully welcomed and enjoyed, and are not to be frowned upon as unworthy and misleading.—New York Ledger.

Iron For Dogs.

According to Professor Schmiederberg of Strassburg, dogs need iron in their food. He relates the case of a strong dog that was nearly starved by being fed for a long time with pure milk. Just as he seemed on the point of death a gram of ferratin was added to his daily allowance of milk, when, instead of refusing, as heretofore, he devoured it ravenously and in the space of two weeks recovered his normal health and strength.

COMPROMISING SECRETS.

In Some European Countries They Are Sources of Some Men's Power.

Perhaps no stronger illustration of the power conferred by the knowledge of compromising secrets need be cited than the immunity enjoyed by M. Daniel Wilson, the son-in-law of the late President Grevy. While living at the Elysee he made use of his advantages as son-in-law of the president and chairman of the parliamentary budget committee to obtain from the complaisant prefect of police, as well as from the minister of the interior of the day, copies, and in some cases the originals, of what are known as the "dossiers" of nearly 20,000 of his fellow countrymen conspicuous in every walk of French life. When subsequently indicted as a principal in those disgraceful Legion of Honor scandals which caused the downfall of his father-in-law and the condemnation of his associates to various terms of imprisonment, he himself escaped all punishment, thanks to the possession of these dossiers, which he threatened to publish abroad if any attempt were made to imprison him.

The dossiers are nothing more or less than the result of secret police investigation of the shadows on the lives of prominent men, the information thus obtained being largely supplemented by means of more or less anonymous denunciations. Indeed there is an entire branch of the Parisian police force exclusively employed in making up dossiers, which often cover 20 and 30 years, and it may readily be imagined how great is the power which those possess who have access to these dossiers.

That explains better than anything else why ambitious and unscrupulous statesmen usually prefer the portfolio of the interior department to any other seat in the cabinet and why the chief commissionership of the Parisian police has of late become the stepping stone to the highly paid embassadorship to the court of Vienna and to the equally lucrative and magnificent viceroyalty of Algeria. There is no statesman more hated in France than M. Costans, whose political and administrative actions have been so utterly regardless of public opinion, and, one might add, of public requirements. Yet no one ventures to attack him. His frequent possession of the portfolio of the interior department and the access which he enjoyed while there to the dossiers of the prefecture of police have placed in his hands a power which every one of his many foes is forced to take into account and to dread.

In Germany, in Austria, and especially in Italy, the knowledge of a skeleton in the closets of public men is recognized as an instrument of political warfare, and it is not so many years ago that a member of the opposition almost caused a ministerial crisis at Rome by suddenly bringing to light in the senate the fact that one of its most venerable and universally respected members, the Senator Achille del Guidice, the most intimate friend of ex-Premier Crispi, and a knight grand cross of the Order of St. Maurice and St. Lazarus, had a quarter of a century previously served not one but three terms of penal servitude for forgery and embezzlement. — Washington Post.

HIS GRAVE MISTAKE.

He Was an Accident Insurance Agent and Missed an Opportunity.

The scorcher went around the corner at a rate of speed that was terrible. His head hung over the handle bars, and his gaze rested upon the whizzing tire of his front wheel.

So, of course, he did not see the man upon the crossing. The latter was thinking of something that had no connection with his immediate surroundings, and the warning of people who saw what was going to happen came too late.

There were a crash, a squawk, a streak of blue and then a thud.

The scorcher lay in the middle of the street, a quivering heap. His bicycle was wrecked beyond redemption, and it was found after a hasty examination that the pedestrian had a broken leg and a badly bruised arm.

Willing hands gathered up what was left of the scorcher and put the pieces into a dry goods box. The remains of the bicycle were piled in a little heap against the curbstone and the injured man was hurriedly placed in an ambulance.

On the way to the hospital he moaned continuously, and ever and anon chided himself for what he called his "fatal mistake."

At last one of the attendants said:

"Why do you blame yourself? It was not your fault. You ought to be glad that you escaped as you did, more especially since the scorcher is dead."

"Yes," the injured man replied, "there is much satisfaction in knowing that I have been the cause of the removal of one fool from the world, but I am disgraced and undone. My employers will never have anything to do with me again. And yet I was one of the most successful men in the business."

"Why," he was asked, "and how have you been disgraced? You couldn't help it."

"Ah," he bitterly replied, "I am an accident insurance agent, and I didn't let my policy expire yesterday. Think of the object lesson I might have furnished if I had only known what was going to happen. I'll never be able to live this down if I am spared a thousand years."

And they said no more, for they knew that he was beyond the reach of common sympathy.—Cleveland Leader.

Matters of History.

If a prize for killing ducks, turkeys or geese had been offered in Scotland, Macbeth would have won the belt. He did "murder most foul."—New Orleans Picayune.

"Pocahontas was a patron of the legitimate," said the actor. "She objected to the introduction of an Indian club exhibition in a melodrama."—Philadelphia Record.

Rheumatism Cured.

My wife has used Chamberlain's Pain Balm for rheumatism with great relief, and I can recommend it as a splendid liniment for rheumatism and other household use for which we have found it valuable.—W. J. CUYLER. Red Creek, N. Y.

Mr. Cuyler is one of the leading merchants of this village and one of the most prominent men in this vicinity.—W. G. AHIPPIN, Editor Red Creek Herald. For sale by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. †

I was reading an advertisement of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy in the Worcester Enterprise recently, which leads me to write this. I can truthfully say I never used any remedy equal to it for colic and diarrhœa. I have never had to use more than one or two doses to cure the worst case with myself or children. —W. A. STROUD, Popomoke City, Md. For sale by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. †

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Very Sad!

Two sad little maids of Dundee
Sighed: "Nobody cares about we!
So let us go down
To the brookside and drown,
And see what a fuss there will be!"

So down to the brookside they went,
On drowning themselves quite intent,
But the brook was too small,
So they drowned—not at all,
But homeward their footsteps they bent.

Two wet little maids of Dundee,
As doleful and drenched as could be,
Were spanked by their mothers,
Laughed at by their brothers,
And sobbed, "No one pities poor we!"
—Mary D. Brine in Christian Work.

"A word to the wise is sufficient" and a word from the wise should be sufficient, but you ask, who are the wise? Those who know. The oft repeated experience of trustworthy persons may be taken for knowledge. Mr. W. M. Terry says Chamberlain's Cough Remedy gives better satisfaction than any other in the market. He has been in the drug business at Elkton, Ky., for twelve years; has sold hundreds of bottles of this remedy and nearly all other cough medicines manufactured, which shows conclusively that Chamberlain's is the most satisfactory to the people, and is the best. For sale by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. †

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Read the following letter from Judge Thos. H. Sutton:

Hon. Thomas H. Sutton, of N. C., Judge of First N. C. Criminal Court, says:

TARBORO, N. C., Nov. 3, 1897.

H. E. THOMPSON, Prop. Jackson Springs, West End, N. C.:

MY DEAR SIR—Your letter of 31st ult. received. In reply I take pleasure in saying that I spent two weeks at Jackson Springs in August of the present year. I was very feeble when I arrived there, suffering from Dyspepsia, and was not able to go from the hotel to the Spring, but after two weeks at the Springs I received beneficial effects from the curative power of its waters, and verily believe that these waters, springing out of the deep sand section of Moore County saved my life, or at least prolonged it to this day.

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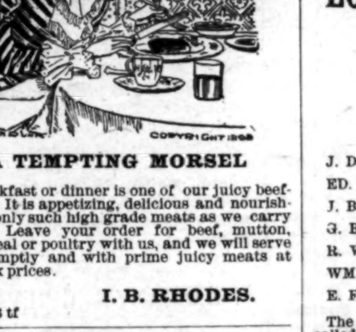
RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Loans	$572,903 10	Capital	$125,000 00
Overdrafts	21 86	Surplus $60,000 00	
U. S. 4 per cent. Bonds (at par)	40,000 00	Undivided profits 15,912 11	75,912 11
Banking House and Fixtures	10,000 00	Circulation	36,000 00
Due from other Banks $109,167 71		Total Deposits	662,455 16
Cash on hand 67,274 55	276,442 31		
Total	$899,367 27	Total	$899,367 27

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT:

	Feb. 18, '96.	Feb. 18, '97.	Feb. 17, 98.
Total Deposits	$607,000	$650,000	$662,000
Surplus and Net Profits	54,800	64,500	72,900
Bills Payable and Re discounts	NONE.	NONE.	NONE.

Dividends paid—6 per cent. per annum.

Last Instalment of Capital paid in October, 1892. mar 6 tf



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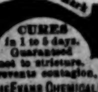

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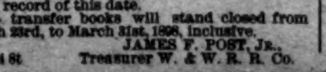

WILMINGTON, N. C., March 23rd, 1898.

The Board of Directors of the Wilmington & Weldon Railroad Company have declared three and one half per cent. interest on the certificates of indebtedness of that Company, due and payable on and after April 1st, 1898, to all holders of record of this date.

The transfer books will stand closed from March 23rd, to March 31st, 1898, inclusive.

JAMES F. POST, Jr.,
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Schedule in Effect Jan. 25, 1898.

TO ALL POINTS

North, South and Southwest.

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Train 41—Leaves Portsmouth 9 20 a. m., leaves Weldon 11:55 a. m., Raleigh 3:34 p. m., Sanford 5:08 p. m., Hamlet 6:53 p. m., Rockingham 7:30 p. m., Wadesboro 8:11 p. m., Monroe 9:12 p. m., Charlotte 10:25 p. m., Athens 3:45 a. m., and Atlanta 5:20 a. m. Connects at Weldon with train from Richmond and all Northern points. Pullman sleeper, Portsmouth to Nashville, Tenn.

Train 403—Leaves Washington 4:40 p. m., Richmond 8:56 p. m., Portsmouth 8:45 p. m. leaves Weldon 11:28 p. m., Raleigh 2:16 a. m., Sanford 3:35 a. m., Hamlet 5:10 a. m., Rockingham 5:23 a. m., Wadesboro 5:54 a. m., Monroe 6:43 a. m., Charlotte 7:50 a. m., Lincolnton 10:20 a. m., Shelby 11:18 a. m., Rutherfordton 12:30 noon, Athens 1:15 p. m., Atlanta 2:50 p. m. Connections at Atlanta for all points South and West. Pullman sleeper, Washington to Atlanta, and Portsmouth to Chester.

Train 38—Leaves Hamlet 8:15 a. m. Arrives Laurinburg 8:46 a. m., Maxton 9.05 a. m., Pembroke 9:31 a. m., Lumberton 9:53 a. m., Wilmington 12.05 noon. Connects at Hamlet with trains from Washington, Portsmouth, Charlotte and Atlanta.

Train 402—Leaves Atlanta 12:00 m. leaves Athens 3:16 p. m., Monroe 9:40 p. m. Leaves Rutherfordton 4:35 p. m., arrives Shelby 5:55 p. m., Lincolnton 6:56 p. m., Charlotte 8:25 p. m., Monroe 9:40 p. m., Wadesboro 10:31 p. m., Rockingham 11:05 p. m., Hamlet 11:23 p. m., Sanford 1:03 a. m., Raleigh 2:16 a. m., Weldon 4:55 a. m., Portsmouth 7:30 a. m., Richmond 8:20 a. m., Washington 12:31 noon. Pullman sleepers, Atlanta to Washington and Chester to Portsmouth.

Train 18—Leaves Hamlet 7:15 p. m., arrives Gibson 8:10 p. m. Returning, leaves Gibson 7:00 a. m., arrives Hamlet 7:50 a. m.

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In Effect January 23rd, 1898.

NORTH BOUND.	No. 2 DAILY.
Leave Wilmington	9 00 A. M.
Arrive Fayetteville	12 10 P. M.
Leave Fayetteville	12 18 "
Leave Fayetteville Junction	12 25 "
Leave Sanford	1 48 "
Leave Climax	3 47 "
Arrive Greensboro	4 20 "
Leave Greensboro	4 30 "
Leave Stokesdale	5 17 "
Leave Walnut Cove	5 47 "
Leave Rural Hall	6 15 "
Arrive Mt. Airy	7 45 "

SOUTH BOUND.	No. 1 DAILY.
Leave Mt. Airy	8 40 A. M.
Leave Rural Hall	10 04 "
Leave Walnut Cove	10 33 "
Leave Stokesdale	11 06 "
Arrive Greensboro	11 55 "
Leave Greensboro	12 17 P. M.
Leave Climax	12 45 "
Leave Sanford	2 36 "
Leave Fayetteville Junction	3 55 "
Arrive Fayetteville	4 00 "
Leave Fayetteville	4 10 "
Arrive Wilmington	7 20 "

NORTH BOUND.	No. 4. DAILY.
Leave Bennettsville	8 00 A. M.
Arrive Maxton	9 02 "
Leave Maxton	9 07 "
Leave Red Springs	9 35 "
Leave Hope Mills	10 20 "
Arrive Fayetteville	10 40 "

SOUTH BOUND.	No. 3. DAILY.
Leave Fayetteville	4 50 P. M.
Leave Hope Mills	5 07 "
Leave Red Springs	5 47 "
Leave Maxton	6 15 "
Arrive Bennettsville	7 15 "

NORTH BOUND.	No. 16. Mixed Daily Ex Sunday.
Leave Ramseur	6 40 A. M.
Leave Climax	8 30 "
Arrive Greensboro	9 17 "
Leave Greensboro	9 35 "
Leave Stokesdale	11 07 "
Arrive Madison	11 55 "

SOUTH BOUND.	No. 15. Mixed Daily Ex. Sunday.
Leave Madison	12 35 P. M.
Leave Stokesdale	1 25 "
Arrive Greensboro	2 45 "
Leave Greensboro	3 15 "
Leave Climax	4 25 "
Arrive Ramseur	6 10 "

CONNECTIONS

At Fayetteville with the Atlantic Coast Line, at Maxton with the Carolina Central Railroad, at Red Springs with the Red Springs and Bowmore Railroad, at Sanford with the Seaboard Air Line, at Gulf with the Durham and Charlotte Railroad, at Greensboro with the Southern Railway Company, at Walnut Cove with the Norfolk and Western Railway.

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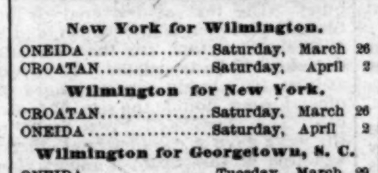

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CROATAN .... Tuesday, April 5

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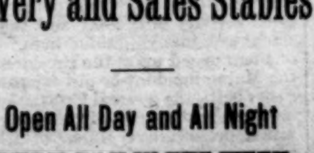

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DEPARTURE FROM WILMINGTON—NORTH BOUND

DAILY 9.35 A. M. No. 48—Passenger—Due Magnolia 11.02 a. m., Warsaw 11.15 a. m., Goldsboro 12:05 a. m., Wilson 12:55 p. m., Rocky Mount 1:37 p. m., Tarboro 2:31 p. m., Weldon 4.33 p. m., Petersburg 6.22 p. m., Richmond 7:15 p. m., Norfolk 5.55 p. m., Washington 11:30 p. m., Baltimore 1:06 a. m., Philadelphia 3:50 a. m., New York 6:53 a. m., †Boston 3:00 p. m.

DAILY 7.15 P. M. No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 8:55 p. m., Warsaw 9:10 p. m., Goldsboro 10:10 p. m., Wilson 11.06 p. m., †Tarboro 6:45 a. m., Rocky Mount 11:57 p. m., Weldon 1:42 a. m., †Norfolk 10:30 a. m., Petersburg 3:14 a. m., Richmond 4 a. m., Washington 7:41 a. m., Baltimore 9:03 a. m., Philadelphia 11:25 a. m., New York 2.03 p. m., Boston 9:00 p. m.

DAILY except Sunday 2.25 P. M. No. 50—Passenger—Due Jacksonville 4:13 p. m., Newbern 5:40 p. m.

SOUTH BOUND.

DAILY 4.00 P. M. No. 55—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 5:09 p. m., Chadbourn 5:41 p. m., Marion 6:43 p. m., Florence 7:25 p. m., Sumter 9:10 p. m., Columbia 10:30 p. m., Denmark 6:12 a. m., Augusta 7:55 a. m., Macon 11:15 a. m., Atlanta 12:25 p. m., Charleston 10:50 p. m., Savannah 1:50 a. m., Jacksonville 7:30 a. m., St. Augustine 10:30 a. m., Tampa 5:35 p. m.

ARRIALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY 5.50 P. M. No. 49—Passenger—Leave †Boston 1:03 p. m., *New York 9:00 p. m., Philadelphia 12:05 a. m., Baltimore 2:50 a. m., Washington 4:30 a. m., Richmond 9:05 a. m., Petersburg 10:00 a. m., Norfolk 9:00 a. m., Weldon 11:55 a. m., Tarboro 12:31 p. m., Rocky Mount 1:15 p. m., Wilson 2:37 p. m., Goldsboro 3:20 p. m., Warsaw 4:11 p. m., Magnolia 4.24 p. m.

DAILY 9.30 A. M. No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 12 night, New York 9:30 a. m., Philadelphia 12:09 p. m., Baltimore 2:25 p. m., Washington 3:46 p. m., Richmond 7:30 p. m., Petersburg 8:12 p. m., †Norfolk 2:20 p. m., Weldon 9:43 p. m., †Tarboro 6:00 p. m., Rocky Mount 5:40 a. m. Leave Wilson 6:22 a. m., Goldsboro 7:01 a. m., Warsaw 7.53 a. m., Magnolia 8:05 a. m.

DAILY except Sunday 12.15 P. M. No. 51—Passenger—Leave Newbern 9:00 a. m., Jacksonville 10:26 a. m.

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY 1.20 P. M. No. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 8:10 a. m., Sanford 3:27 p. m., Jacksonville 7:40 p. m., Savannah 1:45 a. m., Charleston 6:33 a. m., Columbia 6.45 a. m., Atlanta 8:20 a. m., Macon 9:00 a. m., Augusta 3:00 p. m., Denmark 4:47 p. m., Sumter 8:12 a. m., Florence 9:58 a. m., Marion 10:36 a. m., Chadbourn 11:38 a. m., Lake Waccamaw 12:09 p. m.

†Daily except Sunday.

Trains on the Scotland Neck Branch Road leave Weldon 3:55 p. m., Halifax 4:30 p. m.; arrive Scotland Neck 5:20 p. m., Greenville 6:57 p. m., Kinston 7:55 p. m. Returning, leaves Kinston 7:50 a. m., Greenville 8:52 a. m.; arriving Halifax at 11:18 a. m., Weldon 11:33 a. m. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 8:20 a. m. and 2:30 p. m.; arrive Parmele 9:10 a. m. and 4:00 p. m.; returning leaves Parmele 9:35 a. m. and 6.30 p. m.; arrives Washington 11:00 a. m. and 7:20 p. m. Daily except Sunday.

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 5:30 p. m.; Sunday, 4:15 p. m.; arrives Plymouth 7:40 p. m. and 6:10 p. m. Returning, leaves Plymouth daily except Sunday, 7:50 a. m. and Sunday 9:00 a. m.; arrive Tarboro 10:05 a. m. and 11:00 a. m.

Train on Midland N. C. Branch leaves Goldsboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 7:10 a. m.; arrive Smithfield, N. C., 8:30 a. m. Returning, leaves Smithfied 9:00 a. m.; arrive Goldsboro 10:25 a. m.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 4.30 p. m.; arrives Nashville 5.05 p. m., Spring Hope 5.30 p. m. Returning, leaves Spring Hope 8.00 a. m., Nashville 8.35 a. m.; arrive Rocky Mount 9.05 a. m. Daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leave Warsaw for Clinton ... Returning, leave Clinton at 7.00 a. m. and 3.00 p. m.

Florence Railroad leave Pee Dee 10.09 a. m., arrive Latta 10.26 a. m., Dillon 10.30 a. m., Rowland 10.54 a. m. Returning, leaves Rowland 6.13 p. m.; arrives Dillon 6.33 p. m., Latta 6.46 p. m., Pee Dee 7.10 p. m., daily.

Trains on Conway Branch leave Hub at 8:30 a. m., Chadbourn 11:43 a. m.; arrive Conway 2:03 p. m.; leave Conway 2:45 p. m., Chadbourn 5:45 p. m.; arrive Hub 6:25 p. m. Daily except Sunday.

Central of South Carolina Railroad leave Sumter 6:35 p. m., Manning 7:04 p. m.; arrive Lane's 7:43 p. m.; leave Lane's 8:34 a. m., Manning 9:08 a. m.; arrive Sumter 9:37 a. m. Daily.

Georgetown and Western Railroad leave Lane's 9:30 a. m., 7: 55 p. m.; arrive Georgetown 12:00 m., 9:14 p. m.; leave Georgetown 7:00 a. m.; 3:00 p. m.; arrive Lane's 8:25 a. m.; 3:25 p. m. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Cheraw and Darlington Railroad leave Florence daily except Sunday at 9:55 a. m.; arrive Darlington 10:28 a. m., Cheraw 11:40 a. m., Wadesboro 12:35 p. m.; leave Florence daily except Sunday at 8:00 p. m.; arrive Darlington 8.25 p. m., Hartsville 9:20 p. m., Bennettsville 9:21 p. m., Gibson 9:45 p. m. Leave Florence Sunday only at 9:55 a. m.; arrive Darlington 10:27 a. m., Hartsville 11:10 a. m.

Leave Gibson daily except Sunday at 6:35 a. m., Bennettsville 6:59 a. m.; arrive Darlington 7:50 a. m. Leave Hartsville daily except Sunday at 7:00 a. m.; arrive Darlington 7:45 a. m.; leave Darlington 8:55 a. m.; arrive Florence 9:20 a. m. Leave Wadesboro daily except Sunday 4:25 p. m., Cheraw 5:15 p. m., Darlington 6:29 p. m.; arrive Florence 7:00 p. m. Leave Hartsville Sunday only at 8:15 a. m., Darlington 9.00 a. m.; arrive Florence 9:20 a. m.

Wilson and Fayetteville Branch leave Wilson 2:15 p. m., 11:16 p. m.; arrive Selma 3.15 p. m., Smithfield 3:22 p. m., Dunn 4:00 p. m., Fayetteville 4:45 p. m., 1:07 a. m., Rowland 6:13 p. m.; returning leave Rowland 10.54 a. m., Fayetteville 12:18 p. m., 10:19 p. m., Dunn 1:01 p. m., Smithfield 1:39 p. m., Selma 1:47 p. m.; arrive Wilson 2:35 p. m., 12:09 a. m.

Manchester & Augusta Railroad trains leave Sumter 4:29 a. m., Creston 5:33 a. m.; arrive Denmark 6:12 a. m. Returning leave Denmark 4:47 p. m., Creston 5:43 p. m., Sumter 6:25 p. m. Daily.

Pregnalls Branch train leaves Creston 5:45 a. m.; arrive Pregnalls 9:15 a. m. Returning, leaves Pregnalls 10:00 a. m.; arrives Creston 3:50 p. m. Daily except Sunday.

Bishopville Branch trains leave Elliot 11:10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; arrive Lucknow 1:00 p. m and 8:30 p. m. Returning, leave Lucknow 6:05 a. m. and 2:00 p. m.; arrive Elliot 8:25 a. m. and 3:30 p. m.

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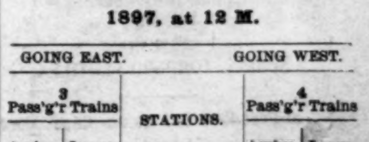

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Train 4, connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11.35 A. M., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 2.00 P. M., and with W. & N. at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train, arriving at Goldsboro 3.00 P. M., and with W. & W. train from the North at 3.05 P. M. No. 1 train also connects with W. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.

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SUNDAY MORNING, APRIL 3, 1898

THE WARSHIPS AT KEY WEST.

Last Touches to the Work of Preparing the Ships for Action

READY FOR AN EMERGENCY.

No Movement of the Fleet Expected Before Tuesday—French and English Bankers and Merchants Leaving Havana.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

KEY WEST, FLA., April 2.—The monitor Terror arrived here this afternoon.

A tug endeavored to pass the flagship New York too close last night and did not answer the signals of the warships, whereupon a four-pound shot was fired across her bows. Those on board the tug received a severe fright. After the investigation which followed the tug was allowed to proceed into this harbor. The call to quarters and the firing of the shot was done with extraordinary rapidity and showed to what a pitch of alertness this fleet has attained.

The gunboat Newport sailed in today, looking like a white swan among the lead-colored dismantled warships. She came from Tampa. The last touches to the work of preparing the ships for action were being made throughout the day. The unnecessary boats were unslung from the davits and sent ashore along with other useless paraphernalia. On the Detroit, the deck wardroom has been completely torn away and on the other ships similar changes have taken place.

No movement of the fleet is expected until Tuesday or even later, although everything is in readiness for any emergency.

The provisions for the sufferers in Cuba which have been at the naval station here for over two weeks waiting for boats to take them to their destination, were to-day turned over to the Plant Line, which will probably ship them to Havana on Tuesday next.

The patrol duty to-night was taken by the cruiser Marblehead and the usual two torpedo boats. The greatest vigilance is observed.

The steamer Mascotte, from Havana, which arrived to-night, brought a dozen or more French and English bankers and merchants, who had left Cuba under telegraphic instructions from the houses they represent in their respective countries. The urgency of their instructions was such that no delay was incurred by the winding up of their business.

EFFORTS TO MEDIATE BY FOREIGN POWERS.

Spanish Ministerial Organ Says Peace is Likely to Result—Alleged Attempt to Blow Up a Spanish Cruiser.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

isterial organ *El Globo*, in a leading article, inferentially confirms the statement of the correspondent of the Associated Press that the foreign powers are using every effort to mediate between the United States and Spain and that peace is likely to result.

A conference was held here last night which was attended by the ambassadors of the leading powers, several of whom had seen United States Woodford during the day.

El Globo says that Spain, seeing that the sympathy of the powers is openly with her, will come forward not only in defence of her own rights, but as the champion of Europe against aggressive action by the United States.

El Correo Espanola says that the mail steamer Alfonso XIII arrived at Corunna on Friday, having on board two prisoners, charged with an attempt to blow up the Spanish cruiser Almirante Oquendo in Havana harbor. It is also rumored that Julio Anibal Enriques, and a correspondent of a New York newspaper were implicated in the attempted outrage.

LONDON, April 2.—From the extraordinary activity at the Spanish legation here, there is reason to believe Spain is seeking the friendly offices of the foreign office. Indeed, it is generally thought that the frequent visits of the French, Austrian, Russian and Spanish ambassadors to the British foreign office is connected with the Cuban situation.

MADRID, April 2.—It is reported that the Spanish Naval Department has received numerous overtures from the native and foreign mercantile marine to prepare privateers. Senor Sagasta is alive to the gravity of the situation, and seems inclined to believe this bold front will deter the United States from pushing its demands into war.

News has reached Berlin that Great Britain has seized Chusan island, off the east coast of China, opposite the estuary of the Tsien Tang Ciang.

A dispatch from the city of Mexico says the government will prevent any raising of troops here by Spaniards, as has been contemplated along the frontier.

The Japanese newspapers think that the British naval display is not directed against Russia but is intended to cource China into making concessions to Great Britain.

SPAIN's TORPEDO FLOTILLA.

Not at Port Rico But at the Cape Verde Islands.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

MADRID, April 2.—The statement cabled last night that the torpedo flotilla of Spain has arrived at Porto Rico was taken from a newspaper here. Investigation shows the announcement to be erroneous. The Spanish flotilla has arrived at the Cape de Verde islands and it is said will proceed after coaling.

As it has taken the Spanish torpedo flotilla nine days to make the Cape de Verde islands from the Canary islands, which they left on March 24th, it should, roughly speaking, going at about the same rate of speed, take the flotilla about twenty-six days from now to reach Porto Rico from the Cape de Verde islands, supposing the flotilla was able to coal and start again today, which is unlikely.

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THE SITUATION IS UNCHANGED.

No Communication Has Passed Between the United States and Spain Since Friday.

THE CRISIS NEAR AT HAND.

President McKinley Preparing His Message—It Will Not Be Sent to Congress Before Next Tuesday For Action.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—The issue between the United States and Spain remains unchanged. No communications having any bearing upon the situation have passed between this government and Spain since last Thursday night, when Minister Woodford transmitted the reply of the Sagasta ministry to the President's proposition of two years ago. Both governments appear to accept this issue as made up, and are shaping their course accordingly. This being the case the view is universally entertained, even by representative men of the administration, that Congress, upon the receipt of the President's message early next week, will take action which, it is almost universally expected, must result in a severance of the relations of the two countries. This was in part foreshadowed by the action of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations to-day in agreeing to a resolution favorable to the independence of Cuba, and for armed intervention if necessary to secure independence.

Talk of Intervention.

With the crisis so near at hand it is believed that if any European intervention or mediation is to come it will be within the next few days. It was said, however, at the State Department late this afternoon that no offer of European mediation had yet been officially transmitted to this government. It was the general understanding that friendly overtures of this nature were looked for at almost any time from France or Austria and it was reported during the day that the presence in Washington of Cardinal Gibbons and Archbishop Ireland was in connection with mediation from Rome, but it was stated on high authority at the State Department that no overtures of this character had taken official form nor was the State Department advised that any such steps were in contemplation.

Not a Casus Belli.

It is the understanding in official circles, based upon information, that the recognition of Cuban independence would not in itself be regarded by Spain as a casus belli; but at the same time there is little doubt that such recognition of Cuban independence would be followed by the withdrawal of the Spanish minister, Senor Polo y Bernabe, and his entire suite from Washington and the termination of Spain's diplomatic representation at Washington. Such withdrawal is one of the last steps preceding actual recourse to war. It is probable, however, that the withdrawal of the Spanish minister, following the recognition of independence, would not be so much an indication of war as it would be an emphatic protest by the Spanish government against the recognition of the independence of a ercise complete sovereignty. Although this recognition of independence is not considered a casus belli by which Spain could declare war, yet it is viewed in diplomatic quarters as a step which would have consequences inevitably terminating in war. For that reason it is said that the recognition of the independence of Cuba is likely to be no less grave than intervention.

The Spanish Minister

continues to preserve his outward calm, although he feels that the relations are extremely strained, and that his stay in Washington may not be long continued. To some of his diplomatic associates who called to-day he said that his conscience was perfectly clear, as he thought that Spain's cause was a just one, and for this reason he felt no agitation. His position is a trying one, however, as the Spanish legation has been subjected to a number of petty indignities within recent days. These are of such a petty character that they have not been called to the attention of the government officials, although police officers were detailed to see that the offences were not continued and that no acts of vandalism or personal indignity were committed.

Spain's Report on the Maine.

The State Department to-day received the full report of the Spanish commission which investigated the destruction of the battleship Maine. This document has been expected for some days but it was not until to day that it reached Washington by a special messenger from Havana. It proved to be a most bulky and voluminous document, of far greater length than the report of the American Court of Inquiry. The text as delivered to the State Department is in Spanish, and it will take some time for the elaborate document to be translated. It covers at least 150 closely written pages of official paper, double the size of foolscap. The Associated Press early in the week gave a complete and official synopsis of this Spanish report, the essential features of which were that the explosion of the Maine occurred inside of the ship and that no evidence existed of any exterior explosion.

Admiral Irwin to-day was among the witnesses before the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations which is making a thorough inquiry into the Maine disaster. His testimony was regarded as important in meeting the position of the Spanish commission that a mine did not explode under the Maine, as no dead fish were found in the harbor. Admiral Irwin is an expert on torpedoes and submarine explosions and he told the committee that he never knew fish to be killed by such explosions.

The White House.

was as usual a central point in the great activity of the day and the President saw many public men. Some of them urged upon the President that the Maine incident be put forward as a casus belli, the general Cuban subject being subordinated to it. Among these was Representative Marsh, of Illinois, who said, after talking with the President: "I want to see the President to tell him that the basis of our declaration of war should be the destruction of the Maine and the slaughter of American sailors. That was a foul and intentional blow at the American people, the American flag and American honor. It was done by Spanish authorities. It was this foul blow which aroused the American people. The general condition of affairs is a blow at humanity; the other was a blow at us."

Many Senators, including members of the Foreign Relations Committee and members of the House, to-day received telegrams from conservative business men in their States counselling pacific action on Cuba. Some of the members commented quite vigorously regarding them and the fact that they seemed to come simultaneously from different sections.

Movements of Spanish Warships.

Late this afternoon, the Navy Department was informed of the sailing of the Spanish ships Pelayo and the Carlos V., from Havre and Toulon, France, for Carthagena, Spain. The officials suppose that these vessels have been at the French ports for some necessary repairs and are returning to Carthagena where there is a Spanish naval station, for such additional work on them as may be necessary preliminary to any active service they may be called upon to perform. The Pelayo has twin screws, is 330 feet long and sixty-six feet beam. She is of 9,300 tons displacement, has a speed of 16.7 knots and, besides a formidabe armament, carries seven torped tubes.

For Torpedo Defences.

Secretary Alger to-day authorized an allotment of $1,000,000 from the emergency fund for the office of the Chief of Engineers. The entire amount will be spent in purchasing material for the torpedo defences connected with the seacoast fortifications. General Wilson, Chief of Engineers, acted promptly as soon as he received the allotment and authorized the commanding officer at Wiflett's Point to proceed immediately to contract for the material required. It will be shipped at once to the places needing torpedo defences, and work on them will be pressed with all possible speed.

The President's Message.

The quietude of the White House to-night was in striking contrast with the intense activity and repressed excitement of the past few days. For several hours the President was alone in his private library busily engaged in the preparation of his forthcoming message to Congress. No callers were received except by appointment, and with the two or three whom the President did see he conversed very briefly.

About 9 o'clock Mr. Charles Berry Smith, editor of the Philadelphia *Press*, and one of the President's confidential friends, joined Mr. McKinley in the library and remained in conference with him for half an hour. As he left the executive mansion, Mr. Smith said that he was, of course, not at liberty to disclose the nature of his visit to the President. He added, however, in response to inquiries, that he could see no change in the situation. War was, he believed, imminent, but it might yet be averted. He was quite satisfied that it would not be precipitated on Monday, and gave the impression by his remarks that the forthcoming message would not be sent to Congress until Tuesday. Now that the country realized that we were on the verge of serious trouble, he said, there was a meditative spirit abroad. The people were thinking and preparing themselves for right action as soon as the time for action arrives. In the message, upon which so much now hinges, Mr. Smith felt assured that the President would deal fully and frankly with Congress and with the country. The entire question in hand would be presented calmly and thoughtfully and with a full sense of the responsibility of the Executive. The President would, however, indicate his own plans and wishes, thereby accepting his share of whatever might be the result, as was becoming in a brave, patriotic American President.

Mr. Smith said, in conclusion, that he knew nothing of the prospect of mediation to be offered by foreign powers except what he had seen in the newspapers; but intimated that the question now would be settled on the one hand by Spain and on the other by the Congress and the President of the United States.

Will Be Sent to Congress Tuesday.

At 11.30 to-night Gen. Grosvenor announced positively, after an extended conference with the President, that the message would not be sent to Congress before next Tuesday. The participants in the conference were Senator Hanna, Gen. Grosvenor and Judge A. C. Thompson. Attorney General Griggs was present a short time.

Gen. Grosvenor said there was nothing new in the Spanish situation to-night. "Not the slightest change is perceptible," said he. "The President is carefully considering his message and it will be a memorable state document."

"No," he replied to an inquiry, "it will not be sent to Congress on Monday. It will not be before Tuesday. It is no child's play to prepare such a paper as the President will give to Congress and to the country. It will thoroughly review all of this government's diplomatic negotiations with Spain relative to Cuba, and will contain such recommendations as will appeal to the sense of right and justice of the American people—just such recommendations as every friend of President McKinley has reason to expect from one so patriotic and devoted to his country as he is."

Congress Will Await the Message.

"Do you expect any action by Congress on Monday in advance of the President's message?" General Grosvenor was asked. "Oh no," he replied. "Congress will be entirely willing to await the action of the President. Everybody thoroughly realizes that the chief executive of this country cannot be taken by the throat in a matter of this kind. He must have time to formulate his message in his own way. President McKinley for many weeks has been under a terrific strain and is beginning to show the effects of it. He will communicate to Congress and to the country as soon as possible, and there is no doubt that Congress will respect his desires in the matter."

News of the Flotilla.

During the conference the Associated Press news that the Spanish torpedo boat flotilla had not yet arrived at Porto Rico and that the probabilities were that it was now at the Cape de Verde islands was communicated to the President. It was received with much satisfaction, the President reading aloud to the others present the note conveying the information.

Commenting upon the information, General Grosvenor said: "That materially relieves the strain upon the situation and modifies it considerably."

THE SPANISH BOURSE.

Heavy Drop in Prices of Securities—Tantamount to a War Panic.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

MADRID, April 2, 2 P. M.—The Minister of Marine, Admiral Bermejo, denies the report that the Government has purchased the Italian cruiser Carlo Alberto.

On the Bourse to-day there was not merely a panic but there were absolutely no transactions except in the smaller class of internal and external four per cents., with a heavy drop in each, and a still heavier fall in Cuban bonds. Such a state of the bourse is considered tantamount to a war panic.

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RECOGNITION AND INTERVENTION.

The Recommendation the President Will Make in His Message to Congress.

THIS IS IN FULL ACCORD

With the Report That Will Be Made Monday By Resolution of the Full Senate Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—The full Senate Committee on Foreign Relations has practically agreed to accept the recommendation of the committee for a resolution recognizing the independence of Cuba, and recommending armed intervention, if necessary, to secure it.

This conclusion was reached after a session to-day that did not continue for more than an hour, and so far as can be learned there was no division of opiuion expressed in the committee as to the propriety of this course. Senators Gray, Daniel and Turpie were absent, but the opinion is expressed that none of them will make any opposition to the reporting of the resolution.

The full committee to-day gave most of its attention to the text of the report, which will be made to accompany the resolution and which has been prepared by Senator Davis.

The committee also had Admiral Irwin before them for some time to day examining him as a torpedo expert on the Maine disaster and also on the strength of the Spanish torpedo flotilla and the best course for this country to pursue in meeting it.

While the Foraker resolutions are made the basis and the principal part of the measure which will be reported to Congress, there are some additions to them and some unimportant changes in phraseology. The most important and in fact the only essential addition is a paragraph fixing the responsibility upon Spain for the Maine disaster, and citing this as a cause for American resentment, if not for war. The committee was in communication with the President during the day and was informed that while the President would make an earnest effort to get his message to Congress on Monday, he might not be able on account of the great demands upon his time to get it in before Tuesday. He will at the same time supply copies of the consular correspondence.

There has been some doubt as to what recommendations the President would make, if any, in his message, but he gave the members of the Senate who called upon him to-day to understand that he would recommend both a recognition of independence and a declaration in favor of intervention. This would be in accord with the committee's action.

SPANISH ROYAL FAMILY.

Apprehensive of An Outbreak Unless Differences With the United States Are Settled—Preparing for Flight.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

BERLIN, April 2.—The German ambassador at Madrid, Herr Von Radowitz, reports to the foreign office here that the Spanish royal family fears an outbreak unless the differences between the United States and Spain are soon settled.

The Carlists movement is assuming a more active form and the royal family fears especially a pronunciamento from General Weyler and the military party.

Everything is prepared in the royal castles for flight. The boy King Alphonso will be taken to San Luca de Barameda, an Andalusian port, where a yacht is kept ready for sailing.

The replies to the Queen's letter asking for the intervention of the European powers have been wholly unsatisfactory.

GERMANY'S GRIEVANCE.

The Government Notifies Spain That Prompt Measures Will be Taken to Obtain Indemnity.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

BERLIN, April 2.—Germany proposes to take prompt action to obtain indemnity in the Cannamaba case. The Spanish ambassador has been formally notified by the German Minister for Foreign Affairs that the warship Geier has been ordered to sail in the direction of Cuba, (she is now believed to be in West Indian waters), to pnnish the insurgents who, it is claimed, burned a German sugar refinery and murdered four persons there, and to collect an indemnity, unless Spain punishes the offenders promptly and makes monetary compensation for the damage done and the lives taken.

The Spanish ambassador has promised to do his utmost to comply with Germany's demands.

WARM WIRELETS.

A message from Rock Hill, S. C., at 2 A. M. says a whole block there was on fire and Charlotte was asked for help.

The cruiser Montgomery, painted dull lead color, decks stripped for action, came to the Norfolk navy yard yesterday for repairs.

The Boston champions played Washton and Lee University six innings, when game was called on account of a cold wind and rain. Score, 6; Washingto, 1.

The commander of the Louisiana naval battalion in New Orleans received orders by telegraph yesterday afternoon to hold his command in readiness to move at a moment's notice.

Gov. Atkinson, of Georgia, yesterday received instructions from the Navy Department at Washington to put the naval militia in readiness for a sudden call and to examine all vessels that can be used for a mosquito fleet.

The weekly bank statement shows the following changes: Surplus reserve, increased $1,869,325; loans, decreased $4,317,200; specie, increased $5,266,600; legal tenders, decreased $4,250,700; deposits, decreased $3,413,700; circulation, increased $4,100. The banks now hold $35,720,800 in excess of the requirements of the 25 per cent. rule.

Frank B. Leefe and Joseph M. Wolfson, charged with participation in the wrecking of the Union National Bank, New Orleans, were both convicted in the United States Circuit Court. Leefe had been one of the bookkeepers in the bank, and Wolfson a lawyer of some prominence Leefe falsified the books and Wolfson robbed the bank of over $100,000.

THE SPANISH TORPEDO FLOTILLA.

A Havana Dispatch Reports It at Martinique Taking on Rapid-Fire Guns.

THE SITUATION IN HAVANA.

Wreckers on the Maine Stop Work—Consul General Lee—A U. S. Squadron Reported Off the North Coast of the Island.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

HAVANA, April 2.—The newspapers here, from news which they have received from the exterior and interior of the island, regard the situation as critical. The tone of all the papers is intensely patriotic.

Orders were received here to-day for the closing of the contract with the wreckers now at work on the Maine, and directing that salvage operations should be suspended. The tug Merritt and the barges Chief and Sharp will proceed north as soon as practicable. The tattered flag at the poop of the Maine will probably be removed. Any further action that may be taken will be the subject of a conference.

United States Consul Lee maintains a calm cheerfulness throughout all the rumors and excitement. He is constantly watched in accordance with government orders, but goes his way as if he were in Richmond, declining to regard as serious the numerous and constantly recurring threats against his life. He is armed, of course, and some times says he has not forgotten the lessons of his youth in pistol practice.

Torpedo Flotilla at Martinique.

News was received at the palace late to-day to the effect that the Spanish torpedo flotilla has arrived at the island of Martinique, where the destroyers are busy mounting rapid-fire guns brought on the transport which accompanied the fleet and heretofore in position on the destroyers.

According to these advices the Vizcaya and the Almirante Oquendo have gone to Martinique to meet the torpedo flotilla.

The gunboat Martin Alonzo Pinzon and the other Spanish gunboats stationed at Havana go in and out of the harbor and patrol the nearby coast.

It is fully believed that a United States squadron of three vessels was off the north coast yesterday morning.

The government is said to be discussing the question of declaring martial law throughout the island.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—The *Post* to-morrow will say: "Directions have been given to the consuls in Cuba to repair to Havana, in order that they may be able to leave the island without danger in case of war. Arrangements have been made for General Lee's safe withdrawal, if such action becomes necessary. The American newspaper correspondents in Havana are also to be given the utmost protection and they will be allowed to leave with General Lee."

RALEIGH'S NEWS BUDGET.

Preparations for the Mobilization of the State Guard—Criminal Court—Federal Convicts.

Special Star Correspondence.]

RALEIGH, N. C., April 2.

Col. Harrell, on behalf of the Adjutant General's department, which he is officially representing, has made an offer for the rential of a tract of land near the city to be used in the event of the mobilization of the North Carolina State troops.

I asked the Governor yesterday for an expression about the crisis at Washington, and its probable result. The Governor declined to talk.

A State officer says that two or more detectives were sent to Rockingham to find if possible, some clue which might prove the innocence of John Evans. No clue could be found.

Judge Timberlake finished the criminal term of court to-day.

There are twenty-one Federal convicts in the prison here. As they can not be worked outside of the prison these prisoners will be placed in the shirt factory.

The Board of Aldermen approve the plan for issuing $50,000 in bonds for the public schools. An election has been called in June for the people to vote on this matter. It is doubtful whether the bonds issue will carry.

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A Madrid dispatch says the report published in the *Imparcial* that U. S. Minister Woodford was preparing to leave Madrid is entirely without foundation.

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CASTE IN INDIA.

A Member of the Pariahs Has No Chance For Rising.

"In India all save the lowest caste, what we call pariahs, can rise in the world, as we western folk count rising. They can become as rich as they like; they can enter government service, become merchants, lawyers, anything they please. But caste is a religious and social distinction which is self supporting, self contained. A Brahman is always a Brahman, even if he be a servant. I remember one case where the rajah of a Hill state always salaamed to the servant of a friend of mine. The servant was of a higher position than the ruler of the land in which he served."

"Then a member of the lowest caste, or pariah, has no chance of rising?"

"None as a Hindoo. If he becomes a Mohammedan—which only requires a repetition of their creed before witnesses—he takes his position among his new coreligionists. Of course, to Hindoos he remains tabu, as all Mohammedans are, even of the highest rank. Theoretically, he would be. But not in marriage. He would find great difficulty in getting a wife of good class, no matter how rich he might be; for money and position count for little in India. The poorest and lowliest intermarry with the highest, if they are of good caste. Of course, caste is essentially Hindoo, but in the Punjab, which is largely Mohammedan, the exclusive feeling of caste extends to the latter. I remember, for instance, a Mohammedan nobleman of the highest rank, enormously wealthy, finding the greatest difficulty in securing a wife in what I may call his class, because his mother had not been of a reputable class. It would not have been so difficult a task in England. Briefly, then, an outcast—though this is a misnomer, since the scavengers or pariahs never belonged to any caste at all—by changing his occupation—that is, ceasing to be a scavenger and touching unclean things—and becoming a Mohammedan, can rise, as we count rising, in the world. But, virtually, he remains the man he was born."—Humanitarian.

A CONSCIENTIOUS DOG.

He Led the Assessor to His House to Be Taxed.

A printer owns a dog, a dog that is a constant worry and care. He is a good dog for a printer's dog, but he has some bad traits. He will run away. This might not be so bad in itself, but coupled with the fact that the dog always returns, this offense can be classed among the unpardonable sins. When the dog comes back, he looks as if he had been making a night of it with all the disreputable dogs of the neighborhood and it takes him a day or two to sleep off his dissipation.

Last month he was away again. This time he made such a long stay that the printer's wife was inclined to think that he had gone for good and all.

He had been missed for several days when the assessor called.

"Madam," he said, "have you a dog?"

"No," said the printer's wife, "we have no dog."

The assessor looked puzzled.

"I understood you had a dog," he said.

"We did have a dog," said the printer's wife, "but we have no dog now."

The assessor left the house, but he still felt worried. So after he had made the rounds of the street he hesitated a little on the corner. While he was standing there a decidedly dirty looking dog came up and barked at him. He didn't know the dog; the dog, however, appeared to know him. The assessor looked at the dirty dog and decided to return to the printer's house. The dog at once frolicked ahead of him, seemingly in great delight. When the printer's house was reached, the dog barked merrily up the walk and on to the steps, and when the printer's wife opened the door he rushed tumultuously in.

There was a look of eloquent inquiry on the assessor's face.

"Yes," said the printer's wife, "we have a dog now."

And the assessor is inclined to think the printer has the most conscientious dog in town.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

How Little Japs Count.

The little Jap was busily engaged in counting the knuckles of his left hand with the forefinger of the right. He had gone over them several times when a companion asked him what he was doing.

"I am counting the days to Christmas," replied the little Jap with a smile. "You know some of the months have more days than others, and I am counting the days and adding them together."

The Jap's companion seemed puzzled and asked, "How do you do it that way?"

"How do you do it?" asked the Jap instead of answering the question.

"Why, we," replied the little New Yorker, "have a rhyme:

"Thirty days hath September,
April, June and November.

"Those are the short months and the others are long."

The Jap had never heard of that because he had not been away from Japan very long. "We count on our knuckles," he said. "The knuckles are the long months and the spaces between them the short ones. The first knuckle is January, long, and the space next to it is February, short, and so on to the knuckle of the little finger, which is July. Then you repeat on the knuckle of the little finger, which is also August, and go back and end on the knuckle of the second finger, which is December. See?"

"I see," replied the little New Yorker. "But how many days is Christmas off anyhow?"

"As this is the 1st of May," replied the little Jap, running over his knuckles rapidly, "Christmas is—let me see—just 239 days off."

The New Yorker acquainted the Jap with the remaining lines of the rhyme, which the latter stored up for future use. —Brooklyn Eagle.

Rossini's Trumpeter.

This is a story Rossini liked to tell: A performance of "The Barber" was being given in my honor in the local theater. While the overture was in full swing I noticed a huge trumpet in the orchestra, manifestly blown with remarkable force and continuity by a member of the band, but not a sound in the least akin to the tone of that instrument could I hear. At the close of the performance I interviewed the conductor and asked him to explain the purpose of the noiseless trumpet. He answered: "Maestro, in this town there is not a living soul who can play the trumpet. Therefore I specially engaged an artist to hold one up to his lips, blinding him by an oath not to blow into it, for it looks well to have a trumpet in an operatic orchestra."—Chambers' Journal.

A Clerical Suggestion.

He was a thin, fragile young preacher, but not half so helpless as he looked. He could see and hear what was going on even during the last prayer. Just before the very closing service he said calmly, but with a good deal of impressiveness to the square inch, "Those of the congregation who did not get their things all on during the prayer can do so while I pronounce the benediction."

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